2:1 CLARK, JOSEPH TO GEORGE 1861 - 1872

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Virginia City Feb 10th 1861

Dear George

Your of the 13th Dec was rec'd I was truly glad to heare from you, and heard more from your letter about the country than I have heard since I left home — I will now try and give you a brief and acurate acount of what has been going on since you left, I believe you was posted in regard to the result of the Savage Suit — we lost the suit — we will gain it in the end, anyway I dont believe the ground of Jumpers Claim will ever touch the Comstock lead and there may not be any more trouble about it, I assume as this fact from the fact that as the Gould & Curry lower tunnel runs south the lead bears down the hill or East the tunnel is now within 170 feet of Savage line in "Ophir" — we will in this tunnel — Ophir — This Claim is only they are taking out a deal of fine ore and erecting large works for working ore at Washoe Valley which will be completed in april or may, this stock is from 800f Mexican — This company are at work reducing their ore on the ground I think making a poor fist of it, they are quarling among themselves all the time none of this stock in market — Central — This Co have their Mill completed and have adopted the "beach process" which is working very satisfactory, though they are not getting very rich rock, this stock has been as high as 2000f since you left but it now stands about 800f to 1000f California — This Claim has changed hands since you left, it is now in the hands of Bolton Barron & others they are not working it yet, Kinney — The same as when you left — White & Murphy — They have found splendid ore in this Claim but not much of it yet as the water drove them out running a drain tunnel worth 350f Dick Sides — This Co contracted for a tunnel 1400 feet long which will be about 40 feet lower on the lead than any yet run for this Claim it is to be run for $4\frac{1}{2}$ per foot, nothing has been struck on this claim yet as out little has been done on it it worth from 200f to 220f per foot

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Best & Belcher — This Co is running a fine tunnel and getting along fast — will be in during the spring, worth about as much as Sides — Gould & Curry — Nothing of Concequence has been done on this Claim for about two months, it is well opened for 200 and odd feet deep looks well nothing very rich particularly in large quantities, some small streaks of very rich ore, there is a very large quantity of from 150f to 500f ore in sight the formation in the bottom of the works looks better than any I have seen, I dont believe they are deep enough for the good ore, though we have had some fine ore, and native silver in the lower works the Contract with Ogden & Hillson was a complete failure they did not build a respectable Mill for 52 — and could not have saved 20 dollar prices the Company have made a new contract with them, 02H are to adopted the "Smith & Dewey process" which is now all the go I dont think of the arrangement I think it will go up as the other did I dont know the terms, I think Wilson a gut of the first water — I dont know when they will commence work — this stock has been shaking up and down ever since you left from 280f to 400f it worth now in the market 300f to 320f the Bears have the market in San Francisco of all the stocks at present — Savage — we all have great confidence in this Claim for reasons given before, that is all we know more than when you left none of this stock in the market — Norcrop & Hale — nothing has been found on this Claim since you left that would reach, Any one think more or less of it if Savage is good Norcrop will likely be, it is down pretty low Chollar — There has been a devilish lot of work done on this Claim, I think to a bad advantage nothing good found ~~on it~~ yet the stock is low, so low that nobody wants to sell, and nobody cares about buying

Miller — The prospects on this Claim now looks flattering we have a tunnel in about 60 feet I was in yesterday it looks although we were close to the Chute I would not be surprised if we found it good in twenty four hours though I may be mistaken this stock is about 30 per cent up a little Yellow Jacket we have a large vein in this Claim of pretty good ore say from 50 to 150 to the ton by assay just struck it not opened any off it yet looks like Gold Hill I think it a good Claim — St Louis — I have had trouble enough with this Ogan — we struck a good vein in our tunnel from the gate just below the big crosting the Sawed jamming work with Lizzy at the head got under over its on the crosting with their usual fortune Forts Guns Pistols or the Company (I mean the St Louis) has been organized since you left I could not get to be either Superintendent or director but since the trouble commenced I could get to be both if wished — and have had to shoulder a big share of the trouble, and it is not unfrequent when I go down to the St Louis that I have pistols and shot guns pointed at me regardless as I know how soon I will have the top of my head shot off I will stay by to the end — We have this Claim the Ogan I dont know what will in the Lizzy ag and are in a fist about Court the judge on the bench in an injunction before Chadbourne they are trying to dissolve it before Monday if it is dissolved then will undoubtedly be a collision and a scrimmage in a fix. we have a lively time on Monday if the Court Injunction that settled this Claim lied for 50 per for before is got in law nobody want to buy now

Flowery District — The fleas is about gone now nothing in it now that you could see for anything I got rid of the most we had, but got a little fowl it — Mrs Clinton nothing doing much Conciganey — all around all out side thing are pretty much dead, Commerce dull — This is a new dist discovered by Braly Perry and others in the Walker River Country I think it a good thing I have heard a most there last fall it was said to be a lively place I think Mr Lent and I kept off too fast in the spring Claim I have a lot of fine Gold Chunks there also will be a big pump in the shaft to drain the place It is impossible to sell anything on those sides worth — we have had a much better location last Rosecrans only snow on the at this date Virginia — This place has advanced wonderfully since you left — Generally my friends in the Country has improved town although some predicting silver bit with Gulch pretty little you can see I think they will have to move to Virginia Charly Strong — Charly is still has a bee hive on the G.G. with about half a dozen swarms on him — Lent — Mr Lent is with us last evening he writes me every mail and I have the telegraphy me to write you to come home immediately you had perhaps better go to see your family first and can from your mother — I dispatch I have to tell you I drink my health of Strong Liquor since have not for a long time but got tight for fun I even went against Health — I have been sick for two weeks but am well now. Lake and family are well

[illegible] — I hope you and family in good
Time [illegible] home and I wish you safe return
to [illegible] [illegible] — I don't know as I ever
will marry in that Country & I am nearly
[illegible] with a pretty [illegible] of Person

Decision — I am for Decision how are you
[illegible] Mother [illegible] & family — My regards to all &
[illegible] go home now but I may before another
[illegible] rolls around — Your Mother — My regards
to Your Mother and the family too for I would
like to see them very much and hope I
[illegible] [illegible] while [illegible] lives —

[illegible] I [illegible] they were and [illegible] a good
[illegible] boys are around — but [illegible]
[illegible] — The [illegible] is tight
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] washes [illegible]
pretty well — I have all I can
do [illegible] after things & St Louis
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hand
[illegible] Louis is worth having one of them
[illegible] to do anything

Yours &c

[illegible]

will knock my calculations again as I was in hopes of being able to get a few inches before it went up. All of our investments are as dead letter thus far whether anything will ever be realized from them or not "yo no say". Price has melted a damned sight faster this winter than it did in the summer as people say is always the case in a warm winter & this has been. I expect there will be none left by the time it is wanted. Gen. Ellery is "around" the and Joe traded off the whole mule crowd including the Reg one for lumber which they have not got yet but live in hopes. Neal and wife went to San Francisco about a month ago. Neal is sick, has got worms.

Virginia City is now an incorporated city. The power is vested in 5 trustees with almost unlimited powers. The first election was yesterday which went off very peaceably and elected. Bateman. Newton. Fuller. Shaw (not Geo.) and Cates. All very good men. They are careering around now to open 13. Street right through our lieu of ore. I guess we will try & way to stop them from doing it. Joe was in Sanfc'o at the time the St. Louis was 60. and wanted to sell all out. but Lent would not. and instead of selling bought at that price. Lent is a devil of a fellow to hold on. Joe says that he would have had all that stock into money now if he could have had his way. There is a rich streak of Gold found on the top there which another company claim. and they have come very near having two or three fights over it. however it is in law now. Cradlebough now being the acknowledged Disct. Judge. I hope we shall have things a little better than when we had two Judges. The Central and Mex. mills are not doing much for their owners. The Central mine is far from being as good as was expected of it. has sold lately at 600. Poor Harry Raymond is again used up. I feel very sorry for the Cul. as my sheet is full must stop. Hoping your mother will soon be well & you back here soon. I am yours truly. S. Tomlin

Do write a few words once in a while if nothing else but how are you or damn you or any pleasant remarks that may

Virginia City March 12th 1864

My dear Neat.

You talk about writing letters as though you liked to hear from those you care about and also as though that those you care about have no right to expect a word from you. Now I would willingly write twenty letters a day if I thought any one of them would give any of my friends half as much pleasure as the one I receive from you a day or two since did me. I can tell you that it is pleasant to have your friends say something pleasant to you which makes you feel as if there were some kindred spirits around in the world that occasionally give you a thought. Now about matters and things here. In the first place I am writing from the Gould & Curry mine the same as at the time I last wrote you. altho' we are not doing much here now in the ways of work. Mr. Clark and myself are quietly living here at the Gould & Curry house very comfortably and very happily together. He now is thoroughly prospecting to the depth of the lower tunnel and when the mills are ready to take the ore I can give it to them just about as easy from the mine as to give it to them from the dump piles outside. It is now pretty opened and wherever there is ore it can be dumped down the shafts to the lower tunnel and run out on the cars and thereby save any more windlass hoisting. A man about your size would loose himself pretty quick in the G&C mine as it is a very circuitous and extensive route to go all through it.

I have done but little work in the mine since I last wrote you except to connect the works of the upper with the works of the lower tunnel. we feel very sure that there are large bodies of good metal not far beneath the level of the lower tunnel. mind you I don't say there is but that I expect there is. consequently we shall want to get at it I hope before another winter. So on the first of this month I surveyed a tunnel 200 feet long which will strike the ledge 254 feet below the new "lower tunnel" which will give the Gould & Curry all the drainage it will be likely to want for many years making it over 400 feet from the surface. I wanted very much to commence this tunnel last fall & if they had allowed me to do as I wished I should have saved the Co. considerable money all of which I can better explain when you come home. The tunnel is now in about 200 feet and a going fast. And from this tunnel we will find out all about the Savage & Norcross and the jumpers must help themselves. The Gould & Curry stock is now low say 300. some is quoted at 15p but Earl writes me that it can't be had for 15p. the reason of its being so low is that at the rise in it last fall a lot of speculators went into it and not having money to pay had to spout it. Consequently a large no. of little lots are spouted to every shylock in the state who hawks it about and occasionally force a sale of some which kind of proceeding will ruin any unproductive stock in the world. Lent has spouted all of yours but 30 feet which I suppose you know all about. There seems to be some anxiety as to how L. S. & Co. are going to get through with all their troubles. mind you I say these things to you because I think it my duty and Lucy says I had better. but also bear in mind that I do not for one moment suppose that Mr L. has done a thing with any of your property without advising you about it fully altho he never has said a word about it to Lucy or me. John Earl was up here a few days ago & told us. It would be a great shame for anything to happen by which any of this stock should be sacrificed at present prices. She & me have been talking the matter over this evening and have made up our minds that he had better go down and see how things are. Dreaming of Crocus that they are all right. as I should very sorry indeed to have any misfortune befal our friend Mr. Lent. he has been a good and true friend to Wallace.

Everybody is now crazy on the subject of "processes" to work ore. There is a new contract made with Ogden & Wilson where they bind themselves to work the ore into 15p of fine silver. and who do you think they now have here putting their works in order. None but the immortal McCullochs of Alsop & Co fame. They think that he is going to beat the crowd after all. There are two or three new processes in vogue. The Smith and Dewey process is exciting considerable attention. and then there is a Mr Makelce that has one which they say is going to eclipse the crowd. I hope for Gods sake & a few other peoples that they will get settled upon something before long. The Offer I believe is going to buy them all. Our friend Camp is all played out. His last kick was the great speculation in buying Mines out of Gould & Curry. and he is now so busted that he finds pretty hard sledding for his personal expenses. If Ogden & Wilson's mill begins to give us metal as soon as they expect. the G & C stock is bound to go up a rising. Things

San Francisco
Oct 15th 68

Dear George

Since you left a draft came down from Findley for 500$ on Union Hill — we did not know anything much about it, but paid it — Mr Lewis did — Castro came in this morning and says we will have about 15,000 acres in "Pedro Blanco" — The man was in about buying and said, you told him if there was 15.000 — you would take 2$

per a.cre. and that you would leave word with me, or rather: you thought you would take $2.25 I suppose you forgot it.

He wants it bad and agreed to wait till I wrote to you, he had to wait for I told him I would not say it was a trade. So write me what to do in case he calls again which he said he would, send you two letters from your wife

Yours
Lou Clark

The Election
Indiana is close
but [redacted] is
Clear

Virginia City Oct 16th 1863

Dear George

Enclosed find letter from Mr Lent, it seems that a bollacks has been made in the Mop lead San Francisco Dist but it may be stopped

Yellow Jacket Suit progressing very favorably though times are quite warm. Came very near having a big row last night I think we have got them, though it is a rough job. Mary Ann Claim is looking better every day did not get your letter from Humboldt until last night after I wrote you yesterday. Do make Could not have gone any way until the Suit is over, Telegraph me when you leave

over

Austin Sr I write to
when to look for
you, I believe there
is nothing new
turned up since you
left

S.H.

(first)

Virginia July 23d 1864

My Dr Cousin Sturge

I have just Recd 20600 lbs of Ore from Reese River = Garison Ena St Louis Leads, the Amount of Freight Comes to $1,236,00/100 Which Amt I have to Draw on you for —

owing to having Bought so much Machenery and Wood, Which has Completely Dreained me, I could have paid the Bill by paying 5 per Cent for the Money, but that wont do, I am Sorry to be Compelled to Draw on you — but will Wake the Rock in a few Days, Shall I Send you the Bullion, or the Coin from the Resell, — you will please Inform me fully in Reference to the Matter,

I have not Examined the ore yet can not give you my opinion as to the Richness, but will do so Soon I will Write you full particulars as Soon as I know the Result, there are Many Wanting to know all about it but I cant find out any thing from me untill you know first, —

San Francisco Nov 6 "68

Dear George

You must ~~remember~~ not forget that you was served with the papers of Payole on the 13 of last month and that 23 days has passed and that only 17 days remains for you to answer. I spoke to Judge Heydenfeldt about it this morning and he says that you will have to answer within that time, He said he would put in a demurrer, so you see what has to be done,

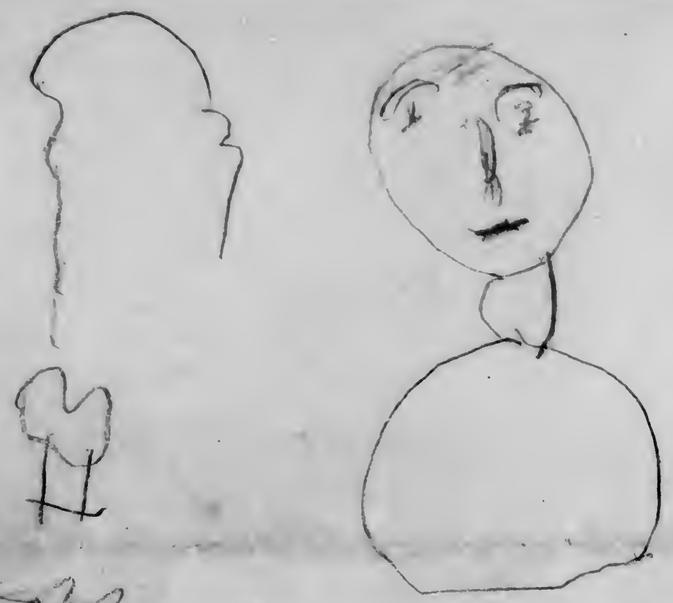
Grant Luce also writes up that Payole is giving them some trouble in regard to fencing that he says he will stop them &c. and it also interferes with renting the land, Answer this letter immediately when you get it so we will know what to do, or come home,

Everything going on smoothly.

The state election is close, though I think the Republicans have the state

Yours.

Jas Clark



Treasure City
Apl 14th 69

Dear George
Your of the 10th was rec'd this morning. I went immediately to see the "Hyland Chief" I learn that considerable good ore has been taken from the mine, and there is quite a lot of fair ore now on the dump, and from the general appearance and location I think it would be a good mine, if the "Aurora" is of any account, but it looks to me

like they are, or ought
to be the same "mine".
Anyway the "Aurora"
have enjoined them, and
they are now stoped
from work, and are
doing nothing, so I
learned from the
men at work on
the Aurora If
it were not for this
you might safely rec-
-ommend it. At the same
time I dont have
a great deal of faith
in that hill. Neither
have I seen any of the
Hyland Chief folks to
hear their story in regard
to title, I am affraid
of the title

Yours
Jos Clark

Virginia City
Apl 23d 64

Dear George

I have nothing new to write, only Morrow Roberts Lent think Hidden Treasure is a big thing. and I believe Nash and Dunn think the same way, although I have not heard them express themselves on the subject. I believe it is a good thing, and am sorry you sold would rather you had held the H. Treasure and sold some or all of the others, but I suppose there was no sale for the others, now if you can ~~buy~~ buy back at any time do so, sell Hard on

Independance or Black
Cloud but ~~to~~ it in H. Freeman
If you dont do it, dont say
anything about it, ~~to~~ as
perhaps I dont invest
Lents and my Capital, or
will put it in H Freeman
if we can get it down
or keep it where it is
till ~~Lents~~ goes down
Roberts will probably
go down Monday dont
know whether Lent will
go then or not, but think
he will.
My love to Cousin
Phebe and Willie

Your
Geo Lent

Sacramento City
Apl 23d 69

Dear George

Since I wrote you a little while ago I have rec'd your letter of the 20 I don't know for certain where the maps are but will tell you where to look for them. Either at the Assessors office or the Sacramento office or Judge Turners office or Patterson Wallace & Stows. If it is not about the Office it must be at one or the other — Might enquire of Lawrence — though I think at the Assessors or Sacramento (Capt Harris & Austin). Will answer your letter more fully tomorrow as it is too late now.

Yours
Jos Clark

San Francisco
Oct 15th 1872

Dear George
Cousin Phebe

went to San Luis Obispo this morning. Enclosed find notice of the Mayne Mortgage. I thought I had better send it to you. I told Haggin about it and he says I had

I don't know myself where it is but think I could find it. But you think you had better come home? Perhaps it would suit best if you could come home. Much love to you. Yours truly
Thos. The Supreme Court adjourns until Monday morning. I write a fellow.

Yours
J. H. Shortridge

better write you about
it. You see it will
be due on the first
November, which is
close at hand.
The New Party
of Diamond hunters have
returned (Roberts party)
and seem to think they
have the biggest thing
in the world.
It is not in Arizona
or New Mexico

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P.S.

Hurrah for the Democracy
Nevada will follow suit
next Election & Bill Stewart
will have to make tracks for
China & Africa, where am told
Gorham has gone, and where all
of this kind belong

R.B.

Virginia Sept. 23d /64

Dear Clark Esq.

My Dear Friend!

I told your brother several days ago that I thought Savage and Chollar good stocks to buy, and to tell you so.

I don't know if he did so. but if he should not, I will give you my own views briefly myself. Savage was down to 120 the day I wished you to buy, and Chollar 285 – Both have gone up since, but I believe there is still money in both at quotation.

Barron Hayward Rose & Sunderland are here, but am unable to say what they are or intend doing. Hayward is a pretty good judge of a mine, and am confident when the Comstock of the Savage, he will think it cheap at 400 a foot. Chollar depends a good deal on developements in the 900 level, and as but very few are allowed in the mine at present, there is a variety of opinions about it. My own opinion is, that in going north, they will get a fine body of ore. but South of the Shaft, I look for no pay on this level, but deeper down they will get it South. They are now opening the station, which they intend to open 15 feet west, and then run drift north & South parralell with the vein, when no doubt they will Crosscut the vein not far from the Shaft.

Am confident in their North Crosscut they will find at least 4 to 6 feet of good ore – say 60 feet north of the Shaft – if so they will find it much wider further

north. What will the stock go to if they get 4th level 45 to 50 dollar average ore at this depth - they 50 feet north of the shaft, with a fair prospect of a much wider pay vein further north? They ought to be in the vein now within 2 mks, and I look upon this to be the most important point to watch, for if they find a good body of ore at this depth, it will have a wonderfull effect on most all the other stocks.

Savage will get their 4th level drift in the vein also about that time, and if both should open out good leads, it is bound to have its effect on the market generally. My mind on the Savage 4th level is already made up, and am of opinion it will be good beyond doubt.

I have a man working in the Chollar shaft, who posts me every time he comes off his shift - and shall be thoroughly posted. "Quien Sabe" —. My opinion is they will not let the office below know what they get there, untill certain parties have operated.

I think there is big money in both Chollar and Savage, and if you wish will give you items occasionally.

I look for a change in Yellow Jacket Saturday next month, if so, she will be good to buy - but with the present abominable and ruinous management, I cannot see any money in it, all depends on what Sharon & his Clique do - the mine has little or nothing to do with the price of the stock. C. Point will be a big mine ere long, and I think a good safe buy - and Kentuck take the condition of the mine, ought to be a good buy, the trouble is, it is under the same abominable management as the Jacket.

Imperial is also a good buy. They have now about 6 dividends of 10 dollars each in sight, and by the latter part of next month Bob Graves thinks they will have the drift under way from the Big Shaft.

I have no idea about the market - but reckon the money power is in favor of going most everything down - they having sold doubtless to rebuy at lower rates.

I have been waiting to see Sent untill recently, and would be pleased to write to him now, but I have found that he & Hayden felt more sometimes to Mr. Bonner than which I did not expect, and it surprised me when I heard of it.

Wish you would send me the price of Chollar & Savage occasionally if you can - or of C. Point & Jacket. I want it to bet or mark on you know as we usually do - and when there is a material & unexpected change in the price, would be the time to get it. You would have to send it so I could get it here day 15 minutes before the regular report gets here, and come as near the closing price as you can.

Myself & Billy fell demoralized, as we are getting disgusted with old stock, and now have nothing desirable to lay our hands on. We are talking of importing something soon from Salt Lake.

Many good wishes from

Your Friends Robert Barton

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To Geo Hearst.

Shall I go after Cowpers interest or come to Eureka first stage leaves here Eleven

Robt Barton

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Dunnville Aug 14. 69

Mr Joseph Clark Sir.
the Lage Calen the Page Ledge
is coming out and they are taking
good rock they have considerable
quantity of rock out allready and
the Lage is worth Looking after.
come up as quick as you can
Yours Truly

Citizen

2:3 HAGGIN, JAMES B. To GEORGE HEARST 1872 - 1881

HOMESTAKE MINE
SOUTH DAKOTA

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San Francisco Jany 19. 72

Dear Henry.

Your letter of the 15th is at hand. I have seen Gashwiler as to the mine in Amador you telegraphed me about & he refers me to Charley Felton who says he is offered $5. a share cash again to let you in, Gash says he will make up for you from the other parties an interest 1500 shares on the ten rock — I question the propriety of taking it for it will require that you reciprocate the favor —

Henry — I fear other parties are ahead of us. The "Page & Panaca" is said to be mist adjoining my ore ground & is unquestionably open it & is selling at 5 $ on the bond — I suppose Perley and Leighton will attend to the matter Page & Panaca have 40000 $ ks

Ordway is here & says if we will go in with him we can do it on the following terms —

He has bought out one of his partners at $20,000: that he owns 4/5 of the National & of course other outside claims by the Lincoln & the Union — that he has no interest in Ross claim — my Hercules) that if we will pay 1/3 of this

£20000 he will give us 1/2
of his 4/5th — We to carry
him in any opinion that
to be expended on out of
the proceeds, If you will
go to see the mine telegraph
me as Ordway is waiting
a reply. He says this is a
better mine than the Ster
culia

Ray & Cely up to 115. E.C.
£25 in vasto

If you go to see the
mine keep it to yourself
you do to yourself say nothing about
the springer water in the neighbourhood

J. B. Haggin

OFFICE OF HAGGIN & TEVIS,
No. 411½ CALIFORNIA STREET.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Oct 11th 1872

Dear Henry

Yesterday I rec'd a telegram from Henry Laine to the effect that if the Winemucca matter was left open he wd go and examine it, state at Evanston, I replied for him to do so but finding, or rather being more fully informed into the lay of the money market I telegraphed him to do nothing in the matter. Last night I rec'd yr telegram to the effect that Laine wd be at Salt Lake to day & I then replied to you to have him make the examination & I wd write you fully to day. This A.M. rec'd an other telegram from Laine that he had rec'd my second despatch & was on his way down, & then immediately telegraphed him to go & make the examination if not too late, that you expected him; have rec'd no reply

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to this last & dont know what his movements are, I presume however that he will go to Salt Lake.

Now as to the Mine. Money is a d— d eight letter word & we can see it plan and no hope or prospect of being any better, All the boys men are astounded to the utmost at the little one this as the market now stands it is my opinion that you could not sell a mine of $20 price at $10 for each 20. So bear this in mind, Therefore unless the mine is in condition to pay with 1500 to 2000 dollars per day dont touch it, and then pay nothing to do with it unless the owner will extend for say 60 or 90 days the payment of the $300000: dollars Bills to be at four months & if this dont suit them, then let them go to the devil and decline it

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Oct 11th 1873

absolutely. For I agree you "the game is not worth the candle"

As to Dansey he is as worthless to assist us as fifty others to a wager has written many our influence and cant do any good

Miller is here also is to see me in the morning about his matters I will try to make a bargain with him

No news the Eureka stockholders are trying to notably will elect a new set of trustees

Yours truly

S B Haggin

OFFICE OF HAGGIN & TEVIS,

No. 411½ CALIFORNIA STREET.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. Nov 9th 1872

George Hearst Esq
Yato Lake
Elm Grove

John Earl promised me to have his prospectus opened for you to see his mine, I believe it is good but dont want to buy it without you seeing it Do Not fail to close and look at it on your way home –

The A K has made a contract with Taylor of the Silver Peak to smelt 2,000 tons of ore at 18/2 has out 100 tons & its a fine body of ore, I write you on enquiring of Tracy for Billings and the most arrangement we can make for selling him our bullion, I am told by Davis that he says he can pay more than we can get any other way, We can perhaps at an

before the end of the month funds will be with 20. or more times; Have written to Orrick to draw on me for $3000:- for his interest, if he writes I think we will make some money out of this also out of Hersey

I remain looking for him but don't stay, Hoping (it will be by or before the fun)

Yours Very truly

J B Hayden

7' 8.

Adams Hilo —

I have sold all but 7500 shs, Lum to one friend whom we must protect Dr. Clark. Willes. Greathouse & Cotton say in all 2000 shs — I will try to get rid of the bal but it is hard to do. Don't give any information to any one about it, but put on the best showing you can Rogers bought 500 shs while

be forgiving information

Cunha I wrote you about Put it up & I will go out I think 25 is all it is worth on Merits —

Have not seen Leighton get will try to do so and ~~and~~ write you of my plans

No news

Yrs

E B H

[Incomplete]

I don't care for Davies opinion except to sell the mine on
L months not turned it except to
sell on any terms — for to tell
you the truth I am sick of
mines to hold I have enough
Now if Davis don't go you may
then is for you to go to Rochester
look into Henry & let us take
our bearings, thence to Bel-
mont look into Monitor &
thence to Eureka Springs
up R R settle the amt of
stock each has & see what
to do with that, taking in
your route Hamilton Mill

if possible Columbus, all other matters are of more importance than our own & we must give them attention relative up as we go on we can stand it

Wright is going to quit the Monitor & we must look for some one to fill his place

Yours Very truly

D B Hagner

[Incomplete]

what to do in the matter but he should be paid a proper price

Willis wants some money and seems anxious to receive it for the market of it & am sorry I did give it to him — he soon as Monitor starts will sell some

Yrs Truly

J B Hoggin

2:4 HAGGIN, JAMES B. TO GEORGE HEARST TELEGRAMS 1871-1874

HOMESTAKE MINE
SOUTH DAKOTA

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c

The Bank of California.

D. O. Mills, President. W. C. Ralston, Cashier.

San Francisco, May 20 1869

Geo Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir:

We have this a. m. placed to the credit of a/c Haggin & Tevis, $3200 paid by Dewitt Kittell & Co. a/c Bay View Land purchase.

Yours &c.

A E Bull

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No. 1.

The Western Union Telegraph Company.

Pacific Division.

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WM. ORTON, President, O. H. PALMER, Secretary, } New York. G. H. MUMFORD, General Agent, JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, } San Francisco.

Santa Ana Aug 22 1871

Received at Sam Aug 22 18 12 M.

To Geo Hearst

Pioche

Have been selling — Reports various — go and examine the mine and instruct me what to do —

J B Haggin

16 pd 3.25

DESERET TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,

BLANK No. 1. SALT LAKE CITY.

No

From San Francisco 19 1872

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To George Hearst.

Townsend Home

If you can do so come down immediately

Mason M Hill
and G. B. Haggin

8 Col 50

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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, San Francisco. | WILLIAM ORTON, President, G. H. MUMFORD, Secretary, New York.

San Francisco Feby 2 1872

Received at Eureka Feby 2 18 72 3 50 P.M.

To Geo Hearst.

Peremooks wants me to pay him for you fifteen hundred dollars shall I do it

J B Haggin

15 pd
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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, San Francisco. | WILLIAM ORTON, President, G. H. MUMFORD, Secretary, New York.

San Fran April 24 1872

Received at ..... 1872 3 30 P M.

To Geo Hearst

Have paid Chambers draft for fifteen hundred another for six to day shall I continue to pay them

J. B. Haggin

23 pd a. R. to Ko

DESERET TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,

SALT LAKE CITY.

3 10 P M.

From San Fran 1 Oct 1872

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To Geo Hearst

Fanny will leave tomorrow for Salt Lake

J B Haggin

Cfd 38 & 39 Log

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T.T.1.

The Central Pacific Division

OF THE

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LELAND STANFORD, President. F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Sup't, San Francisco.

San Fran May 9 1873

Received at 10 45 AM 187 M.

To Geo Hearst
Newcastle

Rec'd Telegram from Davis saying must allow promoters Ontario ten thousand pounds cash besides stock agreed upon if you approve will reply agreed to provided Capital Stock is one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds answer

B Haggin

Please Answer by this Line.

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LELAND STANFORD, President. F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Sup't, San Francisco.

San Fran Sep 30 1874

Received at 1 C Sept 30 187 5 P M.

To Geo Hearst

Potrero Matter settled at four dollars per lot pearson dont understand your last telegram Keep me posted

J. P. H

17 PD 125

Please Answer by this Line.

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JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, SAN FRANCISCO. } 30 WILLIAM ORTON, President, G. H MUMFORD, Secretary, } New York.

San Fran Oct 16 1874

Received at Virginia, Nev. Oct 16 187 4 50 P.M.

To George Hearst

I go to Santa Cruz today
Coffin given order introduce adore
Ophir anguish Parson Elegant introduce
assume that order ink me
here

JBH

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DESERET TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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BLANK No. 1. A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt., SALT LAKE CITY.

Last No 11

No.

From San Francisco Oct 1st 187

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To George Hearst

Will write you today
terms on which Winnemuck
Can be handled = will
write McMasters

J B Haggin

140 60 & 50 Col BS

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A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,
SALT LAKE CITY.

No 1 11 a M.

From San Francisco 12 Nov 187

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To George Hearst

Write me all
You Know about
diamonds it is important
for me to Know Every-
thing
LW

J B Haggin
16 DW & 62 paid

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A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,
SALT LAKE CITY.

1 p M

From San Francisco Aug 21 187

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To George Hearst

Do You wish Coin or Currency
and when do You want it

J B Haggin

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DESERET TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,

SALT LAKE CITY.

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From San Francisco 12. 187

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To George Hearst

Cannot say
what can be done
without more accurate
information than you
can impart by Telegraph
write me fully.

J B Haggin

19 pd

Connecting lines to Eastern and Western States, Europe, and all points in Utah, including Cottonwood, and Tintic Mines, also with Pioche, Nevada.

2:5 HAGGIN, JAMES B. TO IRWIN C. STUMP 1891

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COPY

#15 Broad Street.

New York, City, Sept. 5'91

Mr. Irwin. C. Stump,

San Francisco,

Cal.

Dear Sir:-

I have offered to extend the option to the Syndicate for six months longer, substantially on this basis:

A new Company is to be formed, capital stock $20,000,000; $2,500,000 working capital; I to sell to them eight and one third millions of the stock, at seventy five cents on the dollar. Of the $2,500,000 of stock; they are to take one half, at par, and I take the other half. All proceeds until the option is exercised are to be long to me. In case I fail to settle with the railroads they are to finance the bonds for building the new road, to be guaranteed by the Company, which shall own all the stock. In addition, they are to lend me £250,000 at five per cent, repayable out of proceeds if they exercise option, and if they decline it, 30 or 60 days thereafter. Please telegraph me on receipt whether this is, or is not approved

I do not know that they will accept this, but it is a much better proposition that the one existing. You are aware they have until the first of October to exercise their option under the old arrangement; and whilst I dont think they will do so, yet they may

Yours truly,

(Signed) J. B. Haggin

2:6 HAGGIN, JAMES B. FROM GEORGE HEARST 1879 - 1880

* Copies & Typescripts, Gift of Homestake Mining Co. Sept. 1983
* Business Partner

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Have Sent this to Mr Parris

OFFICE OF THE

GIANT & OLD ABE MINING CO.

Lead City, D. T., March 19 1879

J. B. Maggie Esq.
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir:

Your Mch 7th is received and I am glad to state that most of your questions have already been ~~answered~~ anticipated & dwelt upon in our former letters –

As to Jamins Opinion of the series of veins, it is only an opinion, which he must and will admit is not yet proven to be a fact that he admits that the porphyry is an intruder and came long after the vein was formed, and if the vein was formed before the intruder came it must have had walls prior to that time, and that being the case the porphyry could be only a division of the walls – In a small sense, if a man was working in the vein and came against the porphyry, it might be called a wall, but not

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J. B. H. 2

Lead City, D. T., 187

the wall of the great fissure, for instance if a man built a great big barn and afterwards ran partitions through it, the partitions certainly could not properly be called the walls of the barn – It is ~~but~~ true that the vein runs a little more southwesterly than we had reason at first to believe particularly the Golden Star portion of the vein – however my private opinion always was that it ran about as we now place it from present developments; others not believing that it went as far westerly as I did – and furthermore that the porphyry seems to cut the vein somewhat diagonally, more diagonally than the vein crosses the Golden Star & Homestake Claims, and follows the vein and quartz making division in the quartz into the Northern portion of the Highland Ground, thence bearing to the East and North –

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J.B.N. 3

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and at about this point leaves the Creek undisturbed and takes into the East Country - All of the Porphyry dykes are then found to the East penetrating the Country North and getting further from the "belt" as they go North - and in proof of this fact, there are no dykes of Porphyry found in the Terra or Deadwood or Father de Smet mines, while East of all these mines; - from cuts made in building roads etc, - are found many porphyry dykes ~~carrying little if any gold~~ running through the Slates bearing about the same direction as those in the Homestake Star & Highland Chief, sometimes a little bit of quartz hanging along the sides of them, but nothing has been found as yet to pay, some places the Slates are much more metamorphosed and carrying a little bit of gold -

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J.B.N. 4

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I still adhere to my former opinion and am now better satisfied of its correctness than when I had more to guess than know but as it is not so important now as we first thought it to be; for the reason that we have bought so much and covered so much ground, that it is perhaps just as well to agree with the other opinion and make our fight in that direction, or the other, as it may suit us best. but we have so much territory that it makes very little difference, what theory they set up now. of course I know, and so do you that so large a deposit as this has already proved to be, that none but a large brain and a broad guage man would be able to grasp the situation and admit the facts. there are many other proofs I could give you that I am right in, it is not necessary in this -

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[illegible] the Notice, as I have had one typed on it all the time and we have nearly one third of the ground but as we need some a good deal of width to get the most out of it all want a big price as soon as the final that assures title to be secured we are standing them up regardless of what it may cost or. The price now asked is about at the rate of Thirty Thousand Dollars.

The [illegible] are situated on the line of the Great Ledge, there is no doubt that they are as good as the Homestake, can hardly be expected but they are good and have indications and development never equaled within the last two or three weeks. The long tunnel in the Terra that Foster made, was in barren ground, has been continued and is now in good pretty about 200 feet under the surface and now the

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Highland line and is nearer the ground held by the Jumpers. The longest tunnel which is 40 odd feet longer than the one spoken of above and from which a tramway is to be continued into the mills, cutting the vein near the north end of the Terra line, has cut 40 odd feet of pay ore and we have started openings on the length of the vein which is looking very well.

As I telegraphed you today; I have been all through the mines and mills, all the mills are running nicely, and all supplies, as wood &c are in abundance and a steady yield of gold, and ore for the mills is better than ever before.

The Terra machinery is arriving very slowly, ~~but~~ and when it will all be on the ground, is, as yet, doubtful.

As to the Homestake stock I wrote you in a former letter, that my notion

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was that to stop the sale for the present as the mine was worth more money than it was then selling for and we could get more money by so holding and it would be an advantage to so hold it until we could get the other mines on the market, that being the best mine it must lead - and I still adhere to my telegram that the stock will yet sell, if properly managed, at Sixty Dollars per share, without some bad breaks in the lower levels should occur which we have no reason to believe, although it might be better or might be worse. Yet I dont wish to impress upon you that I am expecting or desirous to get the last dollar out of it - but would prefer to realize at a less price, and now turn it over to you to act as your best Judgement dictates in the matter, from this on.

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My only reason for not writing you sooner was that there was so many things to look after here in the way of law suits and counter suits etc, etc; that it took longer time to become familiar with, and a posted on, all matters, mines and otherwise, before I wrote you so as to be able to write you intelligently, so that you could act intelligently. as you say you must be so posted before you can act. "not being constituted to do otherwise" knowing that, I am very careful what I write you, but expect you to act on it after you receive it -

The Giant Mill is running and perhaps producing more gold to the ton than any other of our mills, but being only a Twenty Stamp mill, it is not necessary to take out so much rock and we are working a very good steady ore - but the developements have shown

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a very large amount of lower grade ore but which we would pay a profit in a large mill - admitting certain dimensions to be walls the prospect of the "Giant & Old Abe" is that it will be one of the best mines here, if not the very best - So you can use your Judgement about picking up more of the stock at your convenience or not - I dont give this as a fact but the prospects so far as the developments go, warrant that opinion - as I am satisfied the Caledonia is only the extension of the Giant; in it is showing from present development a very fine mine and I think if properly opened and properly managed with all the titles cleared up is a good property - Taking into consideration these facts and our developments on the South end and a continuous cropping between them showing gold all the way, we must come to the conclusion

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that this is a very valuable property - The main shaft of the Giant is now down about 100 feet and expecting every day to cut the vein. The water is getting pretty strong and we will have to put on temporary pumping & hoisting machinery until such time as we can put in heavy works as this shaft is intended to sink to a depth sufficient to cut all the veins to wit: Giant, Old Abe, Homestake & Golden Star, which latter vein will be at a depth of about a thousand feet - from this shaft we can prospect the Lincoln ground and Anicus or the ground to the west of the Giant & Homestake - Of the Anicus, we are now the owner of one quarter and from the lay of the country the ground to the south of us, to my opinion will become very valuable, that is to say, the Lincoln ground will protected, will make a good mine

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therefore it becomes very necessary that we should have the Americans as it is a parallel location to it and lying along side of it covering the dip to the east. we will try to get and think we will get the balance of it the remaining three quarters is offered at the rate of Thirty Thousand dollars for the mine but we hope to be able to do better—

The parties who were indicted for killing the man Frankenberg in the mill site trouble, were to day acquitted, but the hostility of the Judge seemed to be very great at the acquittal, as he took the Jury very much to task and dismissed them from the venire — what other trouble may arise from it, we dont know, at any events we will try to make the best of it — all the parties arrested in connection with the affair are now out except one, who was acquitted by the present grand Jury

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J.B.M. No 12

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but is held over under bonds for the next Grand Jury.

In relation to telegram concerning putting Deadwood & Terra Stock on the market, if you are going to put them on the New York market, the time has now arrived when action should be taken at once in the matter as the Homestake is in full blast and the boys are in a splendid position to place it, on account of the success of the Homestake, and as the Deadwood mill is doing as well as it ever can with present capacity — the sooner it is done, the better, therefore, my telegram to you, to act at once. I have no doubt, but at some future time it will become necessary to put more stamps on the Deadwood Mine, but that time being so far in the future, I prefer to anticipate it —

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I think this property is of sufficient importance for you to come here yourself and help me to come to conclusions as to what is best to be done in the premises. as it is taking a great deal of responsibility for us here to determine both in the management and disposing of property here amounting in value to Eight or Ten Millions of dollars - It is true we have had a great many annoyances which have caused the expenditure of a great deal of money but we now both hope and believe the worst to be over but we cannot expect to acquire such a large amount of property in so short a time without difficulties, cost and troubles to acquire and hold the same -

We are sued for a half interest in the Pioneer Ditch but so far as I have gone into it I dont think there is any thing

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J.B.H. 14

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in it - also we are ~~sued~~ sued for refusing to pay toll on a toll road over which we haul our lumber but as there is no law in the Territory authorizing toll roads I think we will get rid of that at a cost of small trouble and expense -

What about the Napoma ranch? as I wrote to Knable to see what was the best he could do as I dont want to miss that trade notwithstanding the State Constitution, I want you to write me about it, what you have done -

In regard to the Loyal Lead, start a rigorous fight and make the best arrangement you can - I have hardly read Mallen's report - write me fully about every thing, I must complain some about you not writing very much -

Write me what you think about

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our rail road scheme here, that we think a great deal about and now think can be done much cheaper than I first wrote you - as I am offered by parties here to build and equip it for Twelve Thousand dollars per mile

Archie Dowlan is here yet and we have not as yet come to any understanding about the water arrangements - he is looking around, I think, trying to find some weak point for the purpose of attacking us to force a compromise to his advantage, but I think the more he looks around, the more he will be convinced that we are pretty well protected and he will be more satisfied to make the best arrangement he can with us in relation to water or otherwise but if he acts differently we will try and clean him out & feel sure we can do so. The Terra suit may not come off this term

Yours truly
per Thos Turner at dictation of Geo Hearst

Please show this to Mr. Tevis

OFFICE OF THE

GIANT & OLD ABE MINING CO.

Lead City, D. T., Mch 1st 1874

J. B. Haggin, Esq.
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Your March 7 is received and I am glad to state that most of your questions have already been anticipated and dwelt upon in former letters.

As to Janin's opinion of the series of veins; it is only an opinion which he must and will admit is not yet proven to be a fact that he admits that the prophyry is an intruder and came along after the vein was formed, and if the vein was formed before the intrusion came it must have had walls prior to that time, and that being the case the prophyry could be only a division of the veins. In a small sense, if a man was working in the vein and came against the prophyry, it might be called a wall, but not the wall of the great fissure. For instance, if a man built a great big barn and afterwards ran partitions through it, the partitions certainly could not properly be called the wall of the barn. It is true that the vein runs a little more southwesterly than we had reason at first to believe, particularly the Golden Star portion of the vein, however, my private opinion always was that it ran about as we now find it from present developments; others not believing that it went as far westerly as I did - and furthermore that the prophyry seems to cut the vein somewhat diagonally, more diagonally than the vein crosses the Golden Star and Homestake locations, and follows the vein and quartz making division in the quartz into the northern portion of the Highland ground, thence bearing to the East and North and at about this point leaves the quartz undisturbed and takes into the East Country.

All of the prophyry dykes are then found to the East, penetrating the country North and getting farther from the "belt" as they go North - and in proof of this fact, there are no dykes of prophyry found in the Terra or Deadwood or Father de Smet mines, while East of all these mines, from cuts made in building roads, etc., are found many prophyry dykes running through the slates bearing about the same direction as those in the Homestake, Star & Highland Chief, sometimes a little bit of quartz hanging along the sides of them, but nothing has been found as yet to pay, some places the slates are much more metamorphosized and carrying a little bit of gold. I still adhere to my former opinion and now better satisfied of its correctness than when I had more to guess than know but to us it is not so important now as we first thought it to be, for the reason that we have bought so much and covered so much ground, that it is perhaps just as well to agree with the other opinion and make our fight in that direction, or the other as it may suit

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As to the Nettie we have had our eyes on it all the time and now have nearly one-third of the ground but as usual have a good deal of trouble to get the rest, as they all want a big price as soon as they find that anyone wants to buy and we are standing them off, trying to pick it up cheaper. The price now asked is about at the rate of $30,000.

That the Terra and Deadwoods are on the line of the great deposit, there is no doubt. That they are as good as the Homestake can hardly be expected, but they are good and have improved on development very much within the last two or three weeks.

The long tunnel in the Terra that Porter wrote you was in barren ground has now been continued and is now in good quartz about 200 feet under the surface and hear the Highland lines and under the ground held by the Jumpers. The lower tunnel, which is 40 odd feet lower than the one spoken of above and from which a tramway is to be continued into the mill, cutting the vein near the north end of the Terra line, has cut 40 odd feet of pay ore and we have started opening on the length of the vein which is looking very well.

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The Terra machinery is arriving very slowly, and when it will all be on the ground, is, as yet, doubtful.

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My only reason for not writing you sooner was that there were so many things to look after here in the way of lawsuit and counter suits, etc., etc., that it took longer time to become familiar with, and posted on all matters, mines and otherwise, before I wrote you so as to be able to write you intelligently, so that you could act intelligently. As you say you must be so posted before you can act "not being constituted to do otherwise." Knowing that, I am very careful what I write you, but expect to act on it after you receive it.

The Giant Mill is running and perhaps producing more gold to the ton than any other of our mills, but being only a twenty stamp mill, it is not necessary to take out so much rock and we are working a very good streak of ore - but the developments have shown a very large amount of lower grade ore but which we would pay a profit in a large mill. Admitting certain divisions to be walls, the prospect of the Giant and Old Abe is that it will be one of the best mines here, if not the very best - so you can use your judgment about picking up more of the stock at your convenience or not. I don't give this as a fact but the prospects so far as the developments go, warrant that opinion, as I am satisfied the Caledonia is only the extension of the Giant; in it is showing from present development a very fine mine and I think if properly opened and properly managed with all the titles cleaned up, is a good property.

Taking into consideration these facts and our developments on the south end and a continuous cropping between them showing gold all the way, we must come to the conclusion that this is a very valuable property. The main shaft of the Giant is now down about 100 feet and expecting every day to cut the vein. The water is getting pretty strong and we will have to put on temporary pumping and hoisting machinery until such time as we can put in heavy works, as the shaft is intended to sink to a depth sufficient to cut all the veins to wit: Giant, Old Abe, Homestake and Golden Star, which latter vein will be a depth of about a thousand feet from the shaft.

We can prospect the Lincoln ground and Amicus or the ground to the south of the Giant and Homestake. Of the Amicus, we are now the owner of one-quarter and from the lay of the country the ground to the south of us, to my opinion, will become very valuable; that is to say, the Lincoln ground well protected will make a good mine. Therefore, it becomes necessary that we should have the Amicus, as it is parallel location to it and lying along side of it covering the dip to the east. We will try to get and think we will get the balance of it. The remaining three-quarters is offered at the rate of thirty thousand dollars for the mine, but we hope to be able to do better.

The parties who were indicted for killing the man - Frankenberg - in the mill site trouble were today acquitted, but the hostility of the Judge seemed to be very great at the acquittal, as he took the jury very much to task and dismissed them from the venire. What other trouble may arise from it we don't know. At any event, we will try to make the best of it. All the parties arrested in connection with the

affair are now out, except one, who was acquitted by the present grand jury, but is held over under bonds for the next grand jury.

In relation to telegram concerning putting Deadwood and Terra stock on the market, if you are going to put them on the New York Market, the time has now arrived when action should be taken at once in the matter, as the Homestake is full blast and the boys are in a splendid position to place it, on account of the success of the Homestake, and the Deadwood mill is doing as well as it ever can with present capacity. The sooner it is done, the better; therefore, my telegram to you to act at once. I have no doubt but at some future time it will become necessary to put more stamps on the Deadwood mine, but that time being so far in the future I prefer to anticipate it.

I think this property is of sufficient importance for you to come here yourself and help me to come to conclusions as to what is best to be done in the premises, as it is taking a great deal of responsibility for us here to determine both in the management and disposing of property here amounting in value to eight or ten millions of dollars. It is true we have had a great many annoyances which have caused the expenditure of a great deal of money, but we now both hope and believe the worst to be over, but we cannot expect to acquire such a large amount of property in so short a time without difficulties, cost and troubles to acquire and hold the same.

We are sued for a half interest in the Pioneer Ditch, but so far as I have gone into it I don't think there is anything in it - also we are sued for refusing to pay toll on a toll road over which we haul our lumber, but as there is no law in the Territory authorizing toll roads; I think we will get rid of that at a cost of small trouble and expense.

What about the Napoma Ranch? As I wrote to Venable to see what was the best he could do as I don't want to miss the trade, notwithstanding the State Constitution. I want you to write me about it, what you have done.

In regard to the Royal Lead, start a vigorous fight and make the best arrangement you can. I have hardly read Walters report. Write me fully about everything. I must complain some about you not writing very much.

Write me what you think about our railroad scheme here that we think a great deal about, and now think can be done much cheaper than I first wrote you - as I am offered by parties here to build and equip it for twelve thousand dollars per mile.

Archie Bowlan is here yet and we have not as yet come to any understanding about the water arrangements. He is looking around, I think, trying to find some weak point for the purpose of attacking us to force a compromise to his advantage, but

I think the more he looks around, the more he will be convinced that we are pretty well protected and he will be more satisfied to make the best arrangement he can with us in relation to water or otherwise, but if he acts differently we will try and clean him out and feel sure we can do so. The Terra suit may not come off this term.

Very truly,

Per Thos. James at dictation of Geo. Hearst

GH 3/29/79

OFFICE OF THE

GIANT & OLD ABE MINING CO.

Lead City, D. T., Mch 29 1879

J. B. Hagin Esq
San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

Yours 19th received, and I must say that I think you are mistaken or misunderstood my letter in relation to Stocks, particularly Golden Terra, but as I expect to be in San Francisco by the 15th, we can talk it over more readily and understand each other more fully than and it is not necessary to put it in this letter.

As to the Loyal mine, it may not ever be worth anything: as to its value I have my doubts, but as to the legal proposition that it belongs to me I have no any and the reason of my anxiety for you to go and look at it was that I know that your common sense would have agreed with me and your force of character would have been worth a great deal to me

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both in litigation or compromises, but I shall not whine if I never get any thing out of it as our interests here is of much more importance.

Every thing here is looking well Archie Bowlan & Co are doing everything they can both in the way of water and outside titles, I think for the purpose of getting a compromise out of us by which they can make something as he thinks he can play Sashwicles on us once more but I have made my mind up to fight it out on this line. No more compromises — and full time we can take care of him and our interest. I think our property here is of more value than you realize and I have my doubts whether it would not be better to keep the property as we now have it than to sell it for prices we can now get for it. Very truly George Hearst

(by Dictation to P. Dawes)

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P.S. To give you some notion of my idea of the value of the Homestake alone - In the first place to day 100 ft wide of pay ore is a low estimate & that by going a few hundred feet below our present workings in Gold Run we could run a tunnel & cut 150 ft below present open cut & mill from way, which would drain the mine & cut the vein at the South end of our claim & give us the vein so drained for 1350 feet, the entire length of which has nearly all been explored - ~~and showing a low estimate~~ which would give us - at 13.5 Cu. ft. to ton 1.500.000 Tons ore and with crushing capacity of 12.000 Tons per month (which we will have on completion of new mill) We will require 10 or years to work it - and when this is done the mine will have only been thoroughly prospected and its value understood - bear in mind that this only takes in the Homestake proper and is far short of what the surface and 100 ft levels indicate - I give you these figures for the pur-

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pose of drawing your attention to its and for you to think what is best to be done with this property; and of its values - and in proof of the width of this vein we have examined the Homestake No 2 Cross cut at the north end of Homestake ground, and found the vein there to be at least 200 ft wide of ore that will pay a profit -

Deadwood is improving as it is developed and we now have pay 100 ft wide we will clean up on the first and then you will see & know the results as soon as they can be given to you -

We give you these figures and estimates to give you some idea of the enormity of these veins and of their value so that you may think seriously in regard to what is best to do with them to make the most out of them -

G. H.

OFFICE OF THE

GIANT & OLD ABE MINING CO.

Lead City, D. T., Mar. 1st 1879

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San Francisco, California

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OFFICE OF

Samuel McMaster,

Lead City, D. T. Aug 28 1879.

J M Haggin Esq
San Francisco Cal

Dear Sir

I telegraphed you today as I supposed you thoroughly understood, that the Hoisting Works is for the Giant Mohawk and is of sufficient capacity to go from a Thousand to Fifteen Hundred feet deep.

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Samuel McMaster,

Lead City, D. T. _____ 1879.

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Lead City, D. T. 1879.

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I will start home next week some time.

I am much obliged to you for looking after my business and forwarding me letters telegrams etc -

Yours truly
Geo. Hearst

Dictated to T. James by
The writer begs to offer as an excuse for the looks of this letter that his hand is just recovering from a severe injury

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Samuel McMaster,

Lead City, D. T. August 28 1879.

J. B. Haggin, Esq.
San Francisco, Calif.

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Tucson July 18 1880

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Tucson
July 18, 1880

My dear Haggin:

I have done more and accomplished less , so far than I would like, but think it will be all right yet. Hope so at least. But I assure you this is the hardest place to accomplish anything I have ever met. No telegrams or even mail, but of all my troubles I will talk of some other time.

I have been quite sick but turned up all right again. I am waiting here on some matters of my own and those of McCaskel which if are not attended to at once all of his and my work will be lost. All of which I will explain when I see you.

We have examined the Contention mine and think well of it. They have a well defined vein in prophery and have the vein, say over 300 feet good in the face. Think it as good a mine as the Raymond Ely and I think will hold well in depth. I do not know that you can get it to put on the market at a fair price, but if you can it will stand the best for 75¢ per share with say 20 stamp mill income and its prospects for the future are as good as any silver mine I now know of, but we must have it for not more than fifteen dollars per share and for less would be better. But she is a beautiful mine. If you can make a satisfactory arrangement with the parties, all things, books and mine must be more thoroughly examined.

Yours,

G. Hearst /s/

(Typed from Mr. Hearst's longhand letter).

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Registered mail. Mch.5-88

Mrs Clara R.Anthony,

285 Marlboro st. Boston,Mass.

Dear Madame;

We now have the pleasure to hand you 421 shares of Homestake Mining Co's Stock in your name Certificates No.6111-6115 inclusive. The cost of this was $5.012.75 Your payment to the credit of Mrs Hearst was $5.000.oo consequently you are indebted to that lady in the sum of $12.75 You may,if you please,remit that amount to us for her credit.

We have given orders to mail your dividends to you as paid.

Yours very Resp'y,

Agent

I was disappointed in not finding in your letter any mention of the Homestake. I had fully anticipated a line or two by your own hand, giving me the last quotation and the prospects. I can't understand why you left me in ignorance of the matter.
I must try to believe, that no news are good news. ———

Mr. [Senator] G. Hearst.

1105. Taylor Street

San Francisco

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2:8 LANE & KURTZ COMPANY CHARLES C. LANE 1871-1872

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Victoria B.C. Jan 11th 1871

Friend John

I sent Dave's letter to him yesterday - Hearsh must make a sale to Roberts or some one else or it will be tight pasen for him and me to carry it through. Will you send me the bill of furniture - also Kemp's bill - and John if any money is paid telegraph to me without delay as I am without funds. - I have made arrangements to sell the oregon place between now and the first of April next. Stitzel writes I can sell at $5,000 profitt. I have been borrowing of Davies for present use. Have started Housekeeping in the house of Saul Frazer on Humboldt Street - So when you come in the Spring stop with us -- Tell Hearsh that the Greenman Stock was issued to me as trustee and although I have given it to him - I have not endorsed any with the exception of fifty shares - the ballance 200 shares I shall not sign unless I know it is all right.

No stock has been taken or paid for in Victoria although we will make several sales within the next two months. The Boats on Frasser river have stopped and every thing froze up for the winter. Mrs Lane & Baby is well and send respects to yourself and Mrs K.

Truly yours

Charles C Lane

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Baskerville July 15th 1871

George Hearst

Dear Sir

I telegraphed you that the line was open - and to come up here — I want you to see and judge for yourself regarding the ground also the quartz ledges on Nusqueto. It is my opinion that our lease is worth more money than any mining property that I have ever seen. George I tell you it is worth Millions and our stock ought not to sell for less than $300 per share.

Part of the machinery has arrived, we are working as fast as posible — If anything special occurs I will telegraph.

Send me some money if you do not come at least $5,000

I am selling stock and dont want to at $25 — It is giving it away

Yours

C. C. Lane

San Francisco Oct 25 1871

George Hearst

Dr Sir

I have waited for you as I wanted you to look at a mine near the coast - about 4 miles from a harbor - so we could mine and deliver the ore here for less than $25 pr ton - The assays average -

Gold - $ 10.04
Silver - 75.40.
copper - 37½ per cent -

the vein is large and crops out for 1000 feet width 10 feet -- so high up the mountain that it is coverd with snow 8 months in the year - a wire tramway would deliver the ore at the ship --

at Cariboo we sank the shaft 25 feet in tough clay - then gravel 15 feet then clay again - I enclose slip -

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

WILLIAM CREEK.—The Forest Rose co. last week washed 250 oz. The Ballarat co. washed 101 oz. The upper creek claims, having got a plentiful supply of water once more, are generally engaged in pumping again. The Meadows.—The Lane & Kurtz co. are down about 45 feet with their immense shaft. After going through the surface clay they struck a streak of gravel about 15 feet through, with considerable water. Having gone through this and struck tight clay again, they widened out a large chamber, and are now puddling up to the tight ground above. The donkey engine is used for hoisting dirt and water, and works well.

Since then we have sank in clay - down 60 feet and they struck gravel -

The pump was shipped from yale on the 25th of August - so it is 37 days

C. C. Lane
Pendleton Oregon July 18 1871
re Mines Mr. Hearst

To be examined by Mr. Epte and Mr. Rice
Not to go out to any trader

and will be at the works this week — The company will be in our debt several thousand dollars — With the machinery in our hands we are safe — The ground below us is good — Send John Boyd up and we will get a grant of the Government for it —

Harpending and Roberts offers to take a mile and a quarter of the upper end of the grant at $100.000 — for an English sale — If we strike it rich the ground is worth more — and if we dont the Englishmen wont want it — I dont see any trouble — I think we are all right — Send Boyd up — The lease will cost us light and the chance is good —

I leave some silver specimens with Willis — Riotte assays them
88. per cent silver —
11 " " Quicksilver
The mine near Hope is widening out and bids fair to be a big thing — I enclose slip — other mines are known to be in the same district and I shall look out for us —

THURSDAY, Sept 7th.

The Eureka Silver Mining Company is organized under the Companies Ordinance, 1862, with a capital of $150.000 divided into 3000 shares of $50 each. The company's lead is situated about six miles from Hope, at an elevation above the river of about 4000 feet. The lead has been prospected along the surface for a distance of 1000 feet, and runs up the side of a mountain 400 feet in height. A tunnel is being run on the lead, 400 feet from the upper croppings. The ore assays from $200 to $800 in silver to the ton. Comfortable winter quarters are being built for the workmen engaged in opening the mine. Five miles of a good trail are also being built. The work is being carried on under the superintendence of Mr Geo Dietz who, we understand, intends demonstrating that we, as well as our American neighbors, have paying silver leads. Specimens of the ore were brought down last evening. They are apparently very rich.

The present Governor thinks we have to large a grant — I think a mile square will be all that any company in the future will get — Yours

C le Lane

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Barkerville B.C. Oct 28th 1871

George Hearst

Dear Sir

The last of the machinery - 28.000 lbs is within nine miles of this place. They will have it all in ten days. Will have the Big machinery running in two weeks. —

We are not working the Donkey Engine. The shaft is full of water within 12 feet of the top —

We have a good building and will work all winter or at least untill we know what is in the bottom. We have money enough for two or three months - I belive we will win

Yours Truly
A. C. Lane

A. C. Lane
Oct. 1871
Re. Mining, Cariboo
Williams Creek, etc.

Bartsville Nov 25th 1871

George Treat

Started steam to day in the large Engine - It will take a week to get the pumps in and the saw mill finished - I sold the donkey Engine for $3000 Endorsed paper three and six months with interest one per cent. the cost was about $2200 so we make $800. I will keep you posted by telegraph

In order to work we have had to prepare for winter. that has cost more than I expected

The mercury is 22° degrees below zero last night for so early in the season that is cold enough - A few months will tell the tale - I think we will win

Your
Lee Lane

Bartsville Dec 12th 1871

George Treat

Dear Sir

We start to sink this week - The saw mill and hoisting are finished. The machinery was not fitted at the foundry and it has been a big job to get it together. I think the foundry billed us -

Mr Going who was the foreman starts to day for California - He will see you and post you up regarding the works and claim -

I will telegraph you as soon as we commence sinking so as to keep you posted fully -

I think we will win

Your
Lee Lane

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Barkerville BC 10 187

Received at San Francisco Jany 17 18/2 7 20 P. M.

To Geo Hearst
Haywards Bldg

Have lost three weeks changing Machinery and Cold Weather Commenced Striking last night Staff clay Water light Machinery Works Well

C C Lane
20 Pd Via Lacouner
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Shaft eighty four feet gravel Water increasing pumps half speed Short stroke We are about five feet below old Shafts

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To Geo Hearst
14 Haywards Bldg

Shaft eighty eight
feet Start for
Victoria leave C
T Brown in Charge
We Can Master
the Water Without
trouble
Chas C Lane
20 PD VN
Via Lacouver 22

The Lane and Kurtz Company.

(From the Sentinel.)

The works of this Company are situate at the Meadows, about three miles from Barkerville, and have been erected at a cost of about $65,000. Our space will not admit of the full description of them we should wish, but every one who has not seen them in working order is recommended to pay a visit.

One of the first ideas that strikes the visitor is the ease and smoothness with which the whole machinery runs, and the order and regularity of the works generally; and by the time he has observed and been shown the different pieces of machinery, the mode of handling them, their character and adaptation, he will wonder how they came in Cariboo, and almost fancy himself in one of the factories of a manufacturing district.

The following is a short description of the machinery and works:—Engine, 14x30 inch stroke; estimated at 107 horse-power, when making 60 revolutions with 90 lbs. of steam; is furnished with an extra pump for feed, runs two Cornish pumps of 10 inch bore and 6 feet stroke, hoisting the dirt and driving the sawmill. The latter is working well, having plenty of power. It is intended to place elevators to carry the sawdust to the boilers, there to be used for fuel, and in the spring to procure a Wadworth tongueing and grooving machine, capable of planing 8000 feet per day, also a cut-off saw: in short, to make it a first-class sawing and planing mill.

The shaft, 4x12 in the clear, is situated between the old Montreal and Enterprise shafts, and is down 80 feet from the platform, stiff clay being found at the bottom. The quantity of water thus far is so little that it is not sufficient to keep one pump working more than one-fourth of the time. The frame building, well braced, shingled and finished, covers the sawmill, hoisting works, blacksmiths' shop, engine and boiler.

The benefit Cariboo has derived from this enterprise is considerable, but should the undertaking prove successful the advantage will be great indeed. Should that portion of the ground now being worked prospect well, more shafts on other portions of the grant will be sunk next spring and summer; and we may say that on the success of the Lane & Kurtz Co. depends in a great measure the influx of capital to Cariboo. Colonel Lane leaves by the next express on his way to California. Unassisted and alone he has managed the Company's business in British Columbia, and prosecuted the operations to their present state of efficiency, for which he is entitled to all credit. We wish him a safe journey home and that success in his undertaking he so well deserves, and which there is good reason to believe he will obtain.

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE
PAID FOR
Furs, Hides,
Wool, Sheepskins
and Calfskins.

Victoria B.C. Feb 7th 1872

George Hearst
Dear Sir

Kirby writes me that you was in Nevada — I will start from here steamer of the 20th Will you be in San Francisco — Telegraph me — I have received no telegram from the mine since the 31st of last month. then we was down 96 feet coarse light gravel with boulders. sinking three shifts three men on each shift. We are working one chinaman on each shift and two above ground.

— I tell you we will win. I dont see a chance of failure — We can handle the water with our machinery without any trouble — I think we will have to sink 150 feet and if we strike bed rock before that I expect we will be on the run and have to run to the channel. — We may strike it to morrow or any day — But I think we will have to run one to three months longer to test the meadows. I enclose you slips from the paper — Brown is instructed to telegraph you direct if anything occurs Yours

R. R. Lane.

2 ft bed rock left in face of tunnell

Geo Hearst San Francisco Aug 12th /71

Dr Sir - I am here and intend to stay untill you go to Cariboo with me - What is the use of new leases unless you will pay attention to them - Brown writes 15th June - The gravel is very different from what you saw It is well washed and much quartz in may pebbles and quartz boulders all having the appearance of the old williams creek channel on the 27 June he writes = The gravel on the bottom is looking very well for big pay We are all well pleased with the indications and prospect. On the 6th July he writes " When we quit the face of the tunnell it looked lovely and very much as though we was in the immediate proximity of big gold we have most beautiful tight well washed gravel and boulders Plumbago Sulphates and Black Sand and those substances invariable accompany gold. Aug the 3 We telegraphed

pumps complete. Started Iron pumps yesterday. placing new pumps into position Running chambers around shaft Engine pumps good working condition. Yrs R H Brown

Now George push ahead your business and go to Cariboo See and Examine the new lease before we start the company Haggin also wants you to Examine something outside of cariboo - I had the quartz I sent you in sack marked by Riotte result $92.00 per ton the gold free and marked to 80 per cent - I dont see how we can make a failure. I think we have a dead certainty - But I want you to do some work with me - What the Hell is the use of my applying for new leases if you are not to help me in working them through. Come and go to Cariboo If you want take Mrs Hearst up to Victoria it will be a pleasen trip for her

Son CC Lane

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San Fran Co Aug 28 18

Received at Alam Aug 28 18 12 M.

To Geo Hearst

Proche

I have something good in British Columbia, Come or telegraph where I can meet you

CC Lane

15 pd

2:9 LENT, WILLIAM M. 1860 - 1861

BUSINESS ASSOCIATE

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San Francisco
July 31st 1862

Mr Richd. Christopher
Staten Island

Dear Sir

This will be handed to you by my very particular friend Mr George Hunt who has promised me to call on you. I wish you would introduce him to Mrs Draughts & Anchio. He is as good as they make them. He saw Anchias photo=graph and enquired who it was. I have now told him everything in the subject show Mr Hunt all attention on my account as well as his own.

He was at the house a few days since and can fully inform you on ~~this~~ our folks.

Rubey Yours
Boyce Leach

Virginia City Aug 20 1860

Dear Henry

For blank shanty thing myself and Sargent and we are delighted and exquisite over your affairs we attribute it to the fact that you have to be out and have a good time

I have made new deals to Irwin & Adams you deal them very fairly for example your contract to excavate so feet in Bonds shanty instead of 15 feet - I handed the Jackass to Stanway & he drove them honestly - Mr Irwin suggests he keep attached for an old debt of Spalding & Pattison (Peterson is in State Prison) consequently he was not able to convey to you the fourteen feet - before I left I positive Shunar the matter attention to it

Mellis & Stewart - Remains as when you left Major Superintendent of Mellis, he forgives you the thing have felt to - I understand Smith & Co that he saw Moore & your friends Hafeb in Carson with the lightning rod in the shape of a "Hazel switch" & thinks that the Mellis Boys have awaken themselves of Hebeb and to discover the lode which I am working upon says that the indication are so strong that this Hebeb in his attempt to hold the ruff stuff & strange his duties consequently Moore has offered to take all the account off Lyons & half dollars per foot

Lodes & Remains as when you left

Best & Belcher - Your kind friends Mr & Mrs Dale reached here on Sat
Sat came in & requested me to open the arguments for the
running off a tunnel on this ground going to the original
prospectors and adverse claimants of Belcher for so doing - I
informed Mr Dale that I could not do so saying I knew little
I was on the ground & consulted with Lott Clerk, at this
he flared up & said he was not a crib intent to bring but
was of no particular to you I told him that I would be
very sorry to do anything to injure injury but I could
not begin until I came up & then would I found
that they have made by contract forfeited to run a
tunnel for fourteen feet of fissure & finding this up all
tools & provisions - they another contract with Plummer
on hope to finish the raise from 40 feet high eight
feet of ground in all they have sinking 22 feet and
obtaining 140 feet a nice little speculation in my opinion
equal to Grimes in which he was agreed as other
Camp & Helena are away go. I can not tell you
how they get out of the scrape they have got
themselves into -

Salazar - This fund remains as when you left - no chance
of a settlement with Adams he refused his duty for that
he have offered him thirty three feet so you see the
time is but little chance for a settlement - we have
consulted with those we hold under and we have strong
hopes of success there when you left.

Norcross as when you left - Camp tried to obtain a
contract for Lunch which would of been a nice thing
for him but it was "no go".

Chollar nothing new on this claim. Dale is not on the
swap

Your draft on Bradley & Co. 500 francs of Spanish was
protested - Spanish presented the same to me and I paid
it - rather a small price of Bunk on the part of Mr
Bradley - they are doing but little on the Catapulas Lee Clark
says that he does not see much to fence

Lent

Dr Gus

Mr Lent shortly has covered nearly all the ground
which I have seen and can add but little to what has
been already said - Lady Bryan & Desert are looking up a little
more than when I came up — St Louis - nothing new, working
on it - all anticipate good results from the mills near the
Gate, but if it should not turn out good it will be a
hard hit Law suits is now the order of the day - gould & Curry
is first rate taking out good ore fast - I would not sell a foot
of it - I hope you had a pleasant trip - and will have a good
time at Home - and return safe see my father and mother and
tell them all about it my regards to Aunt Betsy & family

Yrs
Joe

San Francisco June 8/61

Mr Geo Hearst
Saint Louis
Mo

Dear George

I received your very kind letter, and have sent it to Joe Clark with instructions to him to answer it & return it to me informing him that I would answer it also. You are all right George - Cincinnati & I have you a copy of your accounts in which you will see that which moneys have been expended & what for out - Your letters have been as a force with many minds that have been informed about you - that have been disposed as soon as they have reached my ears - No more of this but I will try & give you as good a description of Mariposa as I can

Ophir This mine is worth one thousand dollars in fact - they continue to take out gold as they have erected large works at Warburg Valley but as yet a word has been said but Five Hundred Thousand Dollars within the last thirteen months in working the mine selling low quite making a road to Warburg to be by They will commence to pay dividends in about sixty days

Mariposa This mine has been at a standstill or worse but things are now looking with every prospect of making 50.000 x

San Francisco June 18th

Mr Geo Wright

Santa Cruz

Mr

Dear Sir

I received your [illegible] letter, and have sent it to Mr Clark with notice that it has been in the Post Office & to inform him that I would remain here & also that you are ready to pay Clark & Thomas your a/c by your accounts in which you credit on the [illegible] which I have been and [illegible] Your letters have been so often with many minutes that have been offered & should you that have been disposed to come as they have made any single [illegible] of this Clark I will be happy to give you a full description of the mine as I have

[illegible] This mine is with an thousand dollars for which they contain [illegible] and pure as they have written large works at Washington Valley but it costs [illegible] a year. Have land [illegible] Said Hundred Thousand Dollars with [illegible] back thirteen months in working the mine adjoining lay with nothing about to Washington to be [illegible] They are commencing to pay dividends in about five months

[illegible] This mine has been at a stand [illegible] a year but [illegible] does not seem at all with any prospect of working soon.

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[illegible] We have opened one mine at a very heavy expense and our mill has stood from it expense. The mine [illegible] has changed in a manner [illegible] from the [illegible] that had his interest [illegible] in [illegible] & [illegible] and [illegible] quartz for proof but for the last [illegible] days we have been obtaining very good [illegible] & we the Rockwell [illegible] thousand dollars & may be half of [illegible]

Gordon Mining This mine the [illegible] the [illegible] is now offering [illegible] for sale. Parties have stated [illegible] with they have bought a [illegible] for the mine in this [illegible] and are [illegible] to put up a mill [illegible] of fifty stamps for which [illegible] for all very [illegible] to pay for the [illegible] I have not seen any thing [illegible] Mr Gordon [illegible] this is the best mine in the country

[illegible] I have seen [illegible] this mine [illegible] I have spoke with the [illegible] Sanborn & Morgan at this place who [illegible] of [illegible] at work on the [illegible] and have in [illegible] the [illegible] against & put it at work in

3

I think [illegible] the trouble with [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] their [illegible]
not [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible]
away [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] we [illegible] do. I [illegible]
[illegible] may be agreeable with me [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] your other claims nothing
has been done. The [illegible] is [illegible]
[illegible] for [illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] in a short time. [illegible]
is very [illegible]. [illegible] Yellow Jacket [illegible]
[illegible] a very [illegible].

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] we got in Dexter
[illegible] and have another and
[illegible] to send for it [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

4

I have [illegible] that enclosure you wanted from
account George [illegible] not have it ready
[illegible] not sent [illegible] you all money [illegible]
[illegible] and his papers [illegible]
you will find them all correct. [illegible]
[illegible] at the earliest come out as soon as
you can, you are like myself a Californian
[illegible] you return you will remain [illegible]
Miller Hunt Chollar [illegible] Chute no value
at all.

My family are all well [illegible] I [illegible]
only be too [illegible] pleasure to [illegible] back
to you the trust reposed in me. When
you return we can make more money
so make haste & come back

I learned last night that the 5th
had worked up to the Savage line and
found the vein very good so Savage
will come out all right

I have written you often but my
letters must have miscarried

Truly Yours

Lent

Write often

[Incomplete]

you not getting any letters from me makes me afraid to write you as I should wish as for money you can get all you want in New York or you can draw on me or telegraph to me as you may see fit

Shannon & Bob Morrow are at work on the "Savage" & are hoping to strike about 20 of the 5th have worked up to third line and we can take out good ore. this is not generally known - Bob & Shannon Hale & Morrow & others on the Rio have not done much towards making a fortune for their owners

We is at work at Yellow Jacket this claim will be a good one when it has been put in shape. I think that you had better see "Camp" & buy of him a confirmation of the Order made to you by Bill Shean

If I get an answer to my telegraph and find that a letter can reach you I will write unto you more fully

Yours &c

Wm Lee

2:10 WENT, WILLIAM M 1862-1863

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answer my letters or telegrams
when you come you can have a
hearty welcome by myself & family
I have a fine boy & girl. I suppose I
know the reason of your delay being
an old married man I can appreciate
matters take no risks I hope to write
to be as free a boy as mine have you
got a name for it. if not call it Lee

Truly Yours

Lily

San Francisco Augt 27/62

Dear George

I received a letter from ~~George~~
Lee last night in which he says I received
a letter from Mrs Hunt ~~[illegible]~~ dated July 26
She says George does not like to write

George there is wrong in your heart and
you have caused me many moments
of worriment. yet yearning to receiving your
last letter the report was that you was an
Officer in the confederate army, we heard
of the passage of the confiscation bill and
not having heard from you I believed the
story. Monday when at the P.O. office there
was a man enquiring about your aforesaid
who told me that he had proof that
you was in the rebel army so I came up
to the office and immediately wrote to Lee
to come down and saying that the fund
was 1400$ and I would settle it in San
Francisco funds & send them out of the
country. I also sent for Judge Heydenfeldt &
consulted him, during this time a gentleman
called and this conversation leading to
enquire what you was worth. saying Lee
that friend of yours that went home has
made a good thing & being on my friends
my reply was that he had spent it all

this was on a Friday or Friday night & thought the matter over and on Saturday I went into the market & sold 13 feet 3 feet @1850 & 10 feet @1400$ and then entire, I felt the importance of the state of your affairs that I remained in town one Sunday when I received your letter, and I prepared for joy the next morning when they enquired I told them that I had received letters and that you were strong minded I did not Explain the kind of mind I meant - So much for neglecting to write Gold today is worth 2400$ - Your mill will not be finished for two or three months yet and will cost one 400,000$ - The management of this company has been worse than the Devil

Turner has not yet seen the safe yet and I have commenced quite a fuss but I was compelled to do so as the two guns would run and the claim would be barred I have consented to let it remain until you return before we go to trial

Savage - we are about organizing this company and we have bought about 300 feet of the Bonny Butte - there is one hundred feet of this ground in dispute - it appears by the records that the only records 200 feet & divides every 400 feet in my opinion the 100 feet is in the hands of Wendt & Hafferman, and as I am President of the company I will withhold the stock until it is settled I write to Doss & Shumate that they must buy all they can in danger as that we can have the contest - Burgess & Felton have bought 175 feet of which Geo Hunning has fifty feet, Ale Clayton & Morgan have an interest that I am in hopes we can get hold of - in my opinion this claim is as good as ~~Sarage~~ Gould & Curry I will go up next week and will ask to work getting out ore immediately

Parker & Bromley Opium 3500 - Carbe 1500 (Hooking well) Dicks & White & Murphy & Rust & Belcher quit for want of work & attention - we have made mistakes but we have done better than the average. Jos has been alongside of me all the time & he is a good fellow - I let him in with an opportunity at Sonora that will make him your a million since we are all right George, I would like to see you but but are your own pleasure

My regards to your ~~wife~~ and I would have written fully had you

San Francisco
Oct 7th 1862

Mr George Heart
Sullivan
Franklin Co
Mo

Dear George

Your of 9th ult came duly to hand & contents noted, it is very strange that you have not received my letters both Joe & myself have written you notes we have concluded you did not receive our letters

Your interests has been protected in every way when you left we have done with your property the same as with our own with the exception we have sold our Gorda Mining, which we had been done in Gorda Mining & any other property of yours has been done by the above consent of Joe

You have now 87 feet of Gorda Mining worth 2200$ per foot your fifty feet in Hale and Norcross is worth 500$ Savage is in dispute 100 feet of your title is mixed up with Hale & Norcross we are now at work trying to explicate it, we have a meeting on next Tuesday when I am in hopes that your interest will be made right for this stock there is not any fixed

price. but will be very valuable ground Best & Belcher stocks are not worth much

I have been in hopes of selling ~~enough~~ sufficient to reimburse you the money you sent Ophir for, and invest it in real estate or City bonds but Joe said no. - I put down your interests in California & Washoe as follows

87 feet G & C	200.000
50 " Hale & Norcross	25.000
100 " Savage (may cover more)	50.000
Scales Best & Belcher &c	10.000
	285.000
Your investment	65.000
	$ 220.000

half yours & one half Joe's -

I am sick of mining and I am disposing of my stock as fast as possible - Centre is worth 1700$ and I am selling as fast as I can find customers this is for your own eye too and else - I have done my best to help on to your stock - The assessments have been heavy and you are very fortunate to get out as well as you have, I have given you above all that I know touching your business

We are now undergoing a very light money market what will be the result I do not know - I would like to see you very much - about your coming you

must act your own pleasure there is nothing here to induce you to come out if you have any business to attend to out in Missouri.

You complain in your letter of not hearing hence from me, in reply when you left you expected to be gone about six months, and from that time to this I have looked for you by almost every steamer and it is no fault of mine a loss that you have not received our letters as we have written you frequently, every full letter I am satisfied that at the time wherever place you in temporarily employing my letters were temporarily with. I should judge that you would rather be in Missouri than in California, if such is the case I would sell enough to buy 75 or 100 feet in San Francisco 50 feet and all you have to do is to cut off coupons every six months wherever they may be gone in any part of the country, you are there safe from any contingency, as you can travel & take them with you, there place all your interest in mining stocks in Sonora & let him collect & send you the proceeds I have want Father in giving my views there I intended when I commenced this

but as I have written so little let it go. I may yet in have to be poor you are now rich and should take the advantage of it and place yourself in a position that you cannot be in danger of depending upon any man. I will send a copy of this letter to Son so he can see what I have written you and he can send it on to you with such comments as he sees fit. He is wholly and you have better ask upon what he writes you.

My best regards to your good lady and tell her to do our the farm and make your mind this immediately.

Take good care of yourself

Truly Yours

Wm M Lock

All my letters were directed to St Louis R.R. Station Franklin Cty Mo

San Francisco Nov 24th 1862

Mr G. W. Hart

Virginia

Dear Friend

I was up to see Mr Walker yesterday I found Mrs Hart very much improved she told me to tell you that she walked to church & back without feeling fatigued - I also told her that I was going to write you not to return until you had accomplished everything so you would not have to go over this route again -

Since you left Gonzo Henry has advanced to 2300$ Cash & 2500$ sixty days time - I am very anxious to hear from you and if you have not written do write me particularly on Gonzo Henry Savage and do not forget to go into Centuck & give me your opinion

Felton (from Nevada) is in town and I am in hopes that he will be able to settle with Bryan in full

Joe went on Saturday to Petaluma to see Endicott from whom Merrill bought 100 feet Savage and according to the record has but 66 2/3 feet he has quite returned and reports that Endicott has removed away so we will try & find him out some way and see if we cannot make out some thing 33 1/3 cts - I will write him to day

Gen. Hart
Virginia City

The weather continues pleasant but cannot last I sent up the Carriage for Mrs H to go to her dress makers, and will do all we can to make her happy she looks like another person, when you come down I will give you some lessons

My respects to Thing & tell Sey to Emil that nothing has been done up to this hour with Bryan but I am in hopes that the next twenty four hours will bring a settlement

Yours &c

Joseph Lewis

I enclose you a letter received yesterday

San Francisco Jany 14/63

Dear George

Nothing of importance since you left - a letter from P Gibbons to you from Virginia I do not send it as you will no doubt see him and he will inform you all that he has written

Williamson succeeded in getting the house over the hack at 1500$ and they are still in searching the title

I am now giving some attention to the the proper building and I am much in favor of the house with french roof as it is showy and will always be worth the money and when up the difference in cost will be nothing compared to the difference in value and think I will decide on that -

In mining stocks I have nothing new to report - North American went up to 90 Burgess Norman drop heavy @ 50 @ 540$ I shall look for a letter giving you news on Norman Yellow Jacket - The latter claim is offered @ 900$ apiece Gaid which makes it 870$ - There is a report in

town that the mine will get a new trial upon the ground of newly discovered evidence - you have not have the extensive evidence of the habits of lawsuits that I have and I would rather buy up outstanding claims rather than lose them - as in the latter case you spend all your spare money and the lawyers get the mine.

During your stay have the dividing line fixed between Sth Savage fixed this is of importance to both mines - Have a good look at Savage ~~and~~ with a view of the two veins and I am of opinion that we had better buy up 'North Potosi' as offered in the boards and thus obtain a control of it - as there is a wide space between the two veins.

It has been so dull since you all left that I have been the Hero - I paid Mr Clayton's order on you for Five Hundred dollars what was it for also bought 100 feet Eureka Republic @ 1.50 -

Yours &c

Lewis

There is one point I wanted to speak to you about before you left and that was your hiring with Walters - Walters should not have hesitated to secure you with a mortgage on ~~your~~ his house when Eurt comes down and he does not take up the stock - I shall insist upon this security - the stock he has belonging to you was a loan and as for the money you loaned him that is another thing. and it did not strike me as in very good taste for him to when he have your property hypothecated to refuse to give you what he had as security under the circumstances I would not advise you to or have you to push Walters at this time - but he should secure you the stock if he does it I will take up the loans to Dr Crane and take his note to me for the same amount and will hold it to the end of the lawsuits

San Francisco
Jany 15 1863

Dear George

Your dated Placerville arrived this morning your suggestions will be carried out. I have a talk with Mr Appleman and I do not think he likes the idea of going over the Bay - he actually wants to be as near you as possible and the communication too easy. he thinks well of Santa Clara and was speaking to me of Dons place I will see him again ~~to day~~ ~~soon~~ or tomorrow

Enclosed I hand you copy of letter received from Banta. You will see he does not say anything about anything very rich - but all are excited and the report on the street it Quartz City stock it very rich - I wish you would write to me fully about Savage ~~Gould~~ & Curry &c

Yours &c

Grant

There was one 705 foot Red dog mill sold last evening @ 265$ average - this mine is worth looking at as they have a forty stamp mill & are getting down large amounts of bullion - If you hear anything about it write to me

San Francisco Jany 20/63

Dear Grant

Nothing from you since I wrote arrived, Parsons called on me for forty five Hundred Dollars which I paid him. Orio gave his testimony and left this morning for Los Angeles it was better there he sent to you or Parsons I gave him one Hundred Dollars Gillet got a telegram from Shanghai last evening asking him for money to come up with I gave him three Hundred on a/c of the Seven Hundred & fifty Dollars - The money drafts is heavy out I told Parsons to day it will be subject more coming in except by my selling Savage or other good stocks &c - I have ~~a~~ bought a claim to 27 feet of Crown Point segregation I pay or have paid five Hundred Dollars and I give one third of the claim to Pinche & Co - Parsons informs me that he has seen Staples - and he can compromise for 20 feet if he can this will be a good operation - I have the Mins to day I bought 5 feet G & C & 8 feet Savage

from Haggin & Lewis I had to sell the Sange and two feet of Lot to make things meet I then bought 19 feet from Roche and I have until the 16th of the next month to pay for it - and I rather like not to be forced to sell, but will have to do it if the account of Lewis & Hunt & Lewis & Hunt & Parsons increases which it is doing every day by new outlays - You see my reason for wanting to sell outside property and my ranch. I do not feel able to hold it - as your agent I am doing a very large business and in case of accident to me I do not know what may become of it -

I feel gloomy but don't let this give you the blues - The weather is fine - I saw Mr Apperman and told him what you had told me - He is anxious to get at something to do, I told him not to be in a hurry & encouraged him as much as I could Your baby having the measles I was afraid to call as Mrs Lent would worry about it as more but mothers can do - I will go up to day some time - On reading this over I think I feel better than I did when I commenced my stomack must be out of order -

On giving my attention to the Plans for the buildings on Rock Creek I found them so faulty that I rejected both and went to our architect to get Plans made which will be done by the time this reaches you and when you come back I will give you my ideas Judge Hydenfeldt is taking abstract of the lot bought adjoining the property the price will be $3500

Yours &c

Wm Lent

San Francisco Oct 13. 1863

Dear George

Your letter came safely to hand and I am now waiting to hear from you after having written the mine at Rambolt & Reese River

Enclosed is the only letter that has come for you. excepting letters from the states which we send up to the house as soon as they come. I was out to your house on Sunday Mrs Brant was looking very well indeed. She has a very nice home and is much pleased with it. and I no doubt you will be pleased also

Hunt is down and he wanted me to draw the B&B stock and give to him I told him there was a misunderstanding and I would not do anything until you come down and he is willing to let it remain until then

Jno Hunt returned from Crescent City he was not as well pleased as he thought he would be. he directed certain work to be done on Cliff & mammoth and we will have to wait the result.

Parsons is very busy & has a trade on hand for land which will be very advantageous and I hope that he will make it. You find that

was badly burnt by an explosion of a keg of powder
it death.

The best news we have is the Apache
Chief there is two lots of our men and they
report victory out and it seems almost insu=
=mountable.

Henning leaves with Head to day to
look at the Copper mines of Nevada. Head is
very sanguine indeed and will give us all
a chance if John appears there

Owing to the great demand made
upon this market for coin for the purpose of sending
to Mexico on French account there is a very great
scarcity of money.

By the last steamer a friend of
mine by the name of Dave Bayly arrived de=
=ect from New Orleans his accounts are awfully
he says many a day he has sat down at the
table in his own fathers house with nothing but
bread & molasses on the table.

When will this business end. I
get so sick sometimes that I think I will leave
for Europe. as the worst of this war ~~will~~ is to
come after peace is declared. the Summo
will be missed too fold to what they now are
and we all know that they are plenty as it is

You have no doubt read the particu=
=lars of the trial of Chapman Porter. there
must have been some very bad colu=
=lations as it was distinctly understood that
there would not be an agreement of jury
contrary to all ideas of the most Running
the jury rendered a verdict of Guilty after
an absence of only few minutes

I am anxious to have your back
but see everything this time so as to avoid
going back for some time

Bruning Moscow recorded to day
revolver he bought at smith & Wesson
as you will see by the papers

Charley Stong will have to pull
up this month ~~to day~~ up this he has overdrawn
fifty Thousand Dollars more than he has
sent - so the balance of the month he
will have to come up heavy

Yours

Wm M Lent

San Francisco
Oct 14th 1863

Dear George

Parmes has gone to Bronie and is feeling very ane indeed. Some two weeks ago he came to me & said that allen had come up from the San Francisco district & was wanting his pay so as to enable him to leave for the new mines and that there was nothing in the district and then called upon Parmes for the money and Parmes went & made enquiries and was not disposed to pay & order out to Stand all our m=
=ents thing what he had heard as true at new mines and that this story was all false and he has made arrangements to put a stop to the sale. Parmes wants you very bad and he is in great dishap of mind and I am not feeling much better. as I have done a very foolish thing indeed. in this business I have depended upon Parmes and he has acted for the best. I have been alone and my hands to full. as this is a big job we have done as far as does extend

is covered this I do not take any power of attorney from him and he will repudiate it and I have no doubt we will be able to prove a state of facts that will upset the whole trade -- your friend Walters is in it. and at the time he is using your money which saved him from ruin he has been interested in this

Parsons feels like H-l and is hard at work on them and is my fast friend into win

I told Parsons that he would do a good thing if he could make any trades for Lower Rio Grande State Range in trade.

I have nothing new to write about here all is getting along as well as could expect. The Capitalists of New York are turning their attention to the mines of Arizona and have bought the "Huntzelman mine" and want to buy altho Rattlesnake thinks that the Apache Chief could be made a valuable mine in New York.

Parsons wants me to say to you the moment for him to act was that in all the years we have of the

stock brought up by Alex did not make much to anything and after coming up and abandoning the work was the moment that made him think it best to sell. it is clearly a swindle put up on him. So do not worry about it. as you have been entirely complete

Take good care of yourself come back as soon as you can

Yours Truly

Lesh

San Francisco Oct 21 1863

Dear George

Your letter to directors of Shiloh was accompanied by letter from others and the stock would have brought yesterday one hundred Dollars. Although I am short of money I will try to raise some to make back what we have lost in Shiloh. We have news from "Apache Chief" that they have over one hundred tons out and I have found an opponent to bring it up to this place. There is a great deal of money going out in that direction and I do not see how it can be avoided. in fact I am kept pumping to make all things meet easily

Yesterday I was called upon for the 25.000 $ & by the 30 of next month will have to pay 85.000 $ Yesterday I sold 145 feet with common 66 $ cash I done this just for want of money second for the reason that I did not like the opinion of stocks that belonged to you & take check to other parties

To day is Electoral day & banks all closed.

Parsons is trying to make a trade with Natoma Stock for a place in Howard St which you admired much it is on the right hand side going out and when we proposed it you asked to whom it belonged

Brown said to an Dishman and you remarked he would sell - I am trying to get it for you

I have been to see the Collector of Internal Revenue and he is to come and look at your accounts I told him is it the case that you did not have any income for '62 - but on this coming year you would have to

I have sold 20 feet Vermont stock 10 feet for Cash & 10 feet on 30 days I will lay aside the balance as soon as I can

Another Call for money which will make me pinch tomorrow but I will lay hard shoulder unto it

Yours &c

Lint

The house mentioned above is not the house I have described but a brick house situated in the rear on Superior St - and much better than the one the house cost one 20.000 $ we give him 15000 $ and 18 feet Auction - The house & lot is worth cash 25.000 $ if you do not want it I will take it the lot is 170 feet square on the corner - The trustee is Amos Atkins is another call for money

Sac City Dec 11th 1869

Friend Lewis

I see you have been corresponding the Rising Star as here you have done may other things. I do not know all the particulars and am not prepared to say much But it appears to me to be very hasty operations I thought this was my enterprise and should have been consulted before any thing was done I have spent a lot time trying to get hold of a good thing and to have it butchered and wasted dont please me I thought I would run this thing in my own way and keep my business to my self for once and make some money once more But I fear this will go as many things have gone before

I will stop I could say more but may have said too much But I cant but think I should be consulted in my own matters and must be for if I am a fool the sooner I find it out the better I will

be down soon and tell you all
and arrange all the papers and
all the Paints and and you
can Run the Machine
Telegraph Frank Gasal
to put all the dues on record
as the money is all Paid

Yours G. H. Leaner

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San Francisco Jany 25 1864

Dear George

Yours of 22d came duly to hand and contents noted - your despatch saying close out Sotin I commenced to day to do so sold 10 feet @ 450 $ 30 days and have telegraphed you on the subject of selling mine

I received a despatch signed Seward Morrow & Crittenden advising settlement with Dale Clayton Estho by giving him 13 4/13 feet or the payment of 38190 dollars I have answered by saying in a despatch which I directed to you Morrow Crittenden & Seward and since then I am convinced that we can only safely pay the money as if I give the stock to Clayton; I cannot do it to myself rather and unless all come in & settle we had better remain out of money than be forced to go in to buy stock for which we might be forced to pay a large sum of money

Enclosed you will find a letter from Jansen to you also one to Mr A Lawson concerning the ground he spoke to you about which please attend to -

I was at the ranch ~~last night~~ yesterday and to your home last night your family are all well and the baby entirely recovered

Nothing new in matters here the weather uncomfortable warm - Parsons gone around the bay with his lady - I have not seen McAppinan since I last wrote you

I want you to attend to the settle=ments now going on with Clayton rather I received the first shipment of Yellow Jacket bullion - the stock is due at 900$

Yours &c

Lent

San Francisco Jany 26/64

Dear George

Your very kind letter came duly to hand & contents noted

Mrs Lent was at your home yesterday and your family are all well

I sent up yesterday the abstract from which we issued Savage stock, when you see this call on Cottendero and overlook the matter with him and ascertain if any mistake has been made and not to let the whole matter rest until morrow in other words do not let him know more than you do

I have come to this conclusion re the movements of Hrodo - After Hrodo had made his big trade for the Market property he was anxious to ~~to~~ see what the mine looked like, when he first ar=rived he did not think well of it and told Bob of the big trade and advised him to trade part of his for realestate

Read sends down an order for the delivery of three feet which was sold @ 2775$
The next day they get into Meldo in the lower shaft and Read stops his sales, and then trades with Monroe and gets from him Twenty five feet of ground for Three and Dollar for one half of all his Real estate letting Bob in heavy. We upon his arrival sells five feet @ 3000$ in hopes to scare Lancaster to sell fifteen feet to him. This is the state of this case. To get even ~~three men~~ Read & Monroe may take advantage of any defect that may be discovered in the title upon which we have issued stock; so keep yourself posted on what is going on.

Strawhaw has arrived and gives a statement and Pringle says that up to this time we have only been looking on before the ~~the~~ curtain. But with Strawhaw we are now behind the curtain and with this testimony we own the ground. ~~He~~ Strawhaw leaves for up country to day when he returns we will take his testimony. Pondexter has been in and wants to see you very much. When you come down he will talk and have his say with you and you alone.

Enclosed you will find two letters received this morning from Nacville & Austin.

Yours &c

M. Crosby

Parsons has a letter from Austin the Barrow says he has the lands. We have settled the crown Point with Stapler & he gives us fifteen feet five of which we give Roche making two feet clear profit on an investment of Five Hundred Dollars

San Francisco Mch 21st 1864

Dear George

Enclosed you will find a letter from Joe, in which you will see that he has a much better opinion of the agricultural lands of Sonora than of the mines, and it might be well for you to look at the titles of lands that I shown has in this state as they are good and may be worth your attention I shown is here and some money has to land out before August next but will not take much - The news from the east does not look much like having one trouble settled but to me they look like becoming more complicated than ever, and if France gives a protection to Sonora it will be a much more desirable place to live in than any part south of Canada - I also enclose you a letter from Rancho Rico which you can answer from Orpana -

Mr Young of Santa Clara cannot live I have not heard this morning but last night I was there and he was beyond hope - The idea of filling his place is of importance - and I do not know

of a more fat man than Stump - he knows all that is wanted and with a good man up there he could come down here to a benefit to his health and good for the Company - what do you think of it

Money continues very tight & will continue so until after harvest - but very little gold is coming down from California nor Idaho is taking a large capital and until we have returns

I have just got through with my money matters and I find it very tight I am sorry you parted company with Hand as he arrived on Saturday & had the market ahead of you as Pease sold this morning @ 25 cts per foot 4 feet - I have had a talk with Felton he says the mine never looked better, he says in going in he went down into the shaft sunk on the works of Nicolai & says his lights went out mysteriously but he got one to burn and was surprised at the wealth that he saw there richer than he ever saw it in the mine - Johnie Akey told me the same which if true we have been hunted or attempts have been made to hunt us, now ferret this out we do not want anyone to play us in the hands of anyone -

I have had a talk with Davis or Apache Chief he says that he knows that Tyson had letters from the man he left informing him that they had in sinking deeper struck the ore richer than ever & that the mine would eventually prove the richest in the Canon and that the work was stopped purposely both in going down & in the tunnel in order that the Company would buy an opportunity & enable them to buy it up - and unless you or Parsons went down & made the new work where you wanted them it would not be of any use as they have or would hide it up - this thing agrees with James as far as he said Tyson had told him that the mine was fixed up to sell - The four Davis returning with us & do not tell him all

Do not fail to go to Humboldt

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San Francisco March 24/64

Dear George

Yours of 22d came duly to hand and contents noted -

Inspiration I have seen the directors and they will settle the Bennet title - I have just seen Wrightsfield and he thinks I will close it up tomorrow in the mean time keep your eyes open

It is well understood here that Stung is to come down and take charge of G & H and Bonner to be superintendent to carry the former is the meaning with of all directors the latter are opposed with Belt & Earl & Lantus will come in to it - I do not want to have Bonner from Yellow Jacket also to be Belt as my interest with this mine was large

I paid Mr Atkinson $500 for the ranch - I was short of money & sold 4 feet of Savage @ 2500 and will sell six feet more and if no one else will contribute I will stand it myself

I have had a talk with Belt

Earl has been to see me about Walters and I have to inform you that since you had a talk with him he has given a second mortgage on his home to Earl and he has nothing left to secure you except the home he lives on which is mortgaged for 3300 $ 13 feet Hale & Norcross which is pledged with you 3 feet Stung & 3 feet Gould & Curry for 2300 $ - so if you take the home & H & N Stock you will have to assume the payment 5600 - for which you will get back

Walters Home with	35.000
13 feet Hale & Norcross	10.000
	45.000

4 feet Savage & G & C - I will do this if I can not do any better as you think it will all go if you do not do it and is worth at least present Savage 7.500

G & C	13.500
	21.000
	~~45.000~~
Making in all	66.000

or a saving of 10.000 $

Yours &c

Lank

about Potosi and told him what you wrote - Stewart has a letter with him in which he expressed great confidence in winning so but I dont believe he has the faith I told him I would like to have the business compromised and would entertain any proposition that I could carry - he is to see me again - now if we can carry the compromise by giving the Chollar Potosi Valley ¼ and retain ¾ I will urge it as I would rather have 75 feet in this way than 100 feet in law.

I have just seen Dr Commins who informs me that he has seen Lagard who has received a letter from Apache Chief in which the news of their striking it very rich in Copper Silver Gold is confirmed, and even if the accounts are exaggerated it is still worth as much as Gila Mining. I think that James was down here I would send him down with Gorfany & take another look - I am in hopes that by the next time I write you that I can inform you that we has settled with the contractors and that the Company has the mine in their own possession - The news from Green City & Lickahead is also good and if two would not renew my offer to the New York party I saw today come on from there to day that beats Washoe in its best days -

How about ~~Hooker~~ Rum Run what have you from there would it not be well for us to close out our interests there and concentrate on two points say Colorado & Washoe -

I bought to day another lot of Great Republic so we will soon have it all

The news from Napoleon continues good

Yours &c

Lent

See Cutteridge about his position in our Savage suit Stewart & Baldwin are not treating him right. make it agreeable to him

San Francisco Feb. 25/64

Dear George

Yours of 22d & 23d are at hand and contents noted. You say write plainer you do the same to me

Your letter to Mrs Hearst I sent around this morning.

I do not care a word what Baldwin says about Bennett & Imperial if I can settle it for 20.000$ I will make the company do it and thus get rid of trouble as the suit will cost more than this amount.

I have not seen Parsons since I received your letter with attend to it and help him along with the trade. I will also look out for a piece of property the Theatre that I spoke to you about is as good any that has been offered I will see what I can do

The Walton matter I never intended to touch I only listened for the purpose of

reporting to you how matters stand.

The news from Apache Chief continues good and is worth our attention - so I am here I would send him down with Godfrey to look at the mine & others that we are interested in in the district - We are much in want of a good man down there.

Charley Felton was in yesterday he says Mottman the man he sent down to look at a mine back of Mazatlan reports that this is the only mine he has ever seen in any country, they have taken it and are now getting up a fifteen stamp mill and will start it on the 1st. Mottman says that in sixty days after he starts the mill he will send us money enough to pay all the outlays for mine & mill - he says the expensive can be had for about 5¢ per foot and he says Mr reports it as good as original I told him to see what could be done with it & respirit I thought as Lee was down there we could write him and

Place Monday Eve Gone to Mr Kinney

let him take a look at it -

I am looking at our Potosi mine I am in hopes of bringing around a compromise. I write you elected a member of the board in place of Young I told Beck my wife and he will go for it

The G & C board met to day & appointed Bonner in place of Strong there sent telegrams to have Strong to come down immediately - You & Earl an appointed a committee to arrange with Bonner as to terms &c This will leave the place vacant in Yellow Jacket and I have telegraphed Sherwood he must take it it is important he should do so - as Wyatt the Secretary is a active fast and we want one of Sterling integrity at the head of affairs

My regards to all

Truly Yours

L Leck

I have no fears of being flush of Money for some time to come as expenses and business take out as fast as comes in (over)

PS. I am going out of town Monday to sell my brown horses — do you want them?

Dont fail to go to Humbold before you come down as I think there is a bonanza Mr Hart has just been in & says that Appleton has gone down by the night obtt train and she did not leave Carlin before he left — as I cannot send you any news I will cut some for you

Yours Lent

San Francisco

March 30/64

Dear George

Nothing from you last night which makes a blank in my ideas — Yesterday Gould Cleary was freely offered 45000$ and to day at 45500$ I am sorry that you do not like the appointment of Bonner. I hope you will have reason to change your mind There is nothing about Bonner you will find from upon acquaintance to be a very correct & of more ability than I thought of when I first made his acquaintance, when I look back Strong has had to much to do and his hand has been giving away for a long time — He must leave there & come down here and if he recovers his health we will give him the head of the company here and with his knowledge of everything over there he can do us more service than anyone else

Your telegram saying you had drawn for 5000$ has been received and will be attended to

Nothing new from the Apache Chief since I wrote you yesterday the second assay of the copper will have it tomorrow - I have seen the rock from Lechuguilla and it looks well and deserves attention - Col Raymond will go up this week on Savage business as he was there when the survey was made he will no doubt be serviceable to us He wants to go down to the Colorado he is poor and we must try to make him useful to himself and help him along I advise him to go up and I want you to see him and let me know your views about his going down

We will want 20000$ more to come down to make our Savage work this month this must not stop without one - and we must work to make the usual dividends hereafter

I had to raise 25000$ yesterday for Lancaster and I am kept very busy. I do not want them to see as you write so very encouraging about it - I am satisfied that unless the mine is worked the dividends will fall short - we have on hand to day only 20000$ and Bob must send 20.000 more over & above his drafts to make the connection - From James letter we have no but not comfortable this should not be so - I wish you would look at it and let me know your opinion - The notes we gave Brown are about to fall due and I will wait until you come down before I do anything more about them

Write me as often as you can

Kind regards to James

Yours Truly

Lucky

San Francisco Apl 10th 1864

Dear George

I have been very busy in raising money to day to meet your march - to day Mr Harris called on me and informed me that the Uncle Sam men consisting of Bell Stowe & Thompson had accused me of buying North American and that I must give some to them At the request of Stowe I called upon him and told him that no way no shape or manner was I interested in the purchase of a foot of the stock and he could have all my interest in any purchase that has been made for one dollar pr foot if they would publicly what I had sold @ 150$ pr foot - I have been kept in ignorance in this matter and my good name has suffered more than the money (if any is made) made will amount - George notified me that he was going to leave me I knew that he had lost some money in Sangre and that he was discouraged and wanted a change after finding the accusations made

against me I fortunately called George in and told him what had occurred when he informed me that he was under the same impression and that this was his cause of dissatisfaction. I only wish that this was all also out some time ago. I am sick of this business. Yesterday I ascertained for the first time that anything was going on. and it occurred in this way. I was in want of money and made up my mind to sell 100 pt of the stock and fortunately met Sharon and told him my wish when he told me not to do this the business would soon be consummated and he offered me money for my present necessities. after this he came and told me that the only hitch was the accusation that I had ~~also~~ bought largely of the stock he when I demanded an interview with the parties. If the legitimate results of warfare is not a basis for business I want to get out of it

See how I stand with Sherwood if it was only on Monday I sold 50 pt of Sherwood stock (120) I would not have done this have I been posted I am sick of this business. Bagley came to see yesterday and tells me that my name was brought into question in this business but feeling I was free from taint I did not for a moment fear it though but when I heard it direct I thought it was time to take the matter in hand

I have a letter from Bob in which he says he can not meet the dividend next month. this must not be seen if he has to sink on the veins with the hand wind he's see Hinney & Hand there a consultation and insist upon the first class are being taken out without regard to expense and not to break the connection

Yours &c

Lent

San Francisco
Apl 2nd 1864

Dear George

Nothing from you last mail I have just written Bob and told him that I had shown his letter to Carlton and that Carlton would have called a meeting of the Trustees had it not been that there was away I want you to see Henry & both see Head and have an Examination and when McMorrow says he cannot get out the ore and you know he can put men at work and take out the ore and have them worked - I do not want any more such work and if McMorrow has worked this mine for the purpose of selling other Company back he is not the man for the company

I am in hopes that George finding out that I am ~~some~~ not trusted him with want of confidence that he will take back what he has said & remain

~~Keep~~ Kustes did not succeed in working the ore of Lemon City according to his return the ~~ore~~ Gem ore contained by assay 55 ℔ in Gold and 468 ℔ in Silver total 523 ℔ to ton he worked 240^{lb} and he only got out 31 ℔ in Gold and 123 ℔ in Silver to the ton of 200^{lb} he has saved his tailing and also about 40^{lb} after ore that he will Experiment upon - The Yellow ore sent by assay 247 ℔ in Silver and 32 ℔ in Gold - his working of 60^{lb} only produced 22 ℔ in Gold and 65 ℔ in Silver or 87^{lb} per ton. this convinces me that those scientific Lapers do not understand this business as well as those engaged in our mills at Washoe -

Bell is not yet through with his second assay on Apache Chief Copper I will not have it until monday next when I will send it to you

I received a letter from Frank at the Ranch informing me that Mrs Hart stepped there on thursday last I go down to day with my family and as soon as we get settled we will send an invitation to Mrs H

Nothing new, write as often as you can ?

Yours &c

L Rich

San Francisco

April 5th 1864

Dear George

Last night I had brought from your letters of 1st & 3d and I have carefully noted contents - I am much obliged to you for your information concerning the talk of Dickinson concerning our interest in Colorado and before this leaves I intend to have a talk with Dickinson on this subject - a few more divides on my part and my babies will want bread - If Colorado did not look good they would not want to divide - but the very favorable accounts from there and they would take it all - I do not mind working and hard at that and have all parties satisfied but when I do not get any credit and hard feelings when a loss occurs I do not like it - There is one thing I can show and that is a clean record and I want Mr Dickinson to count out Mono his hand and then all things equal start a new

Yesterday he interferes with me very much by giving an order to Boley to buy Imperial for him.

I have just had a talk with Dickinson and he says that his only claim is on what was bought prior to May 15th which only includes a few feet of Scholarship and none in Lucky City or Apache chimney.

I now up to my eyes in borrow and hope with the change in Imperial the other stocks will look up with it

I have written to Joe to day to look at the mine spoken of by us - I hardly look for him up this coming steamer -

I am glad to hear you speak so encouraging about Savage and wish I could sell my real estate in Coby Slip lot and buy some

Mrs Grant was down to day and looks very well she is going down to San José next week when she will come over & see us

Nothing new in North America every thing is in the dark before me - we could have made a great deal of money had we have known and all been prepared others have made money one man told me that he had made fifty feet clear and another who had fifty feet that did not cost 20 p.r foot - This has been done and we have been holding ours and may come out with a loss

Yours &c

Lent

San Francisco
Apl 7th 1864

Dear George

Nothing from you lately but I have been kept pumping all day and have hardly time to write you. Morrow writes me that you Fred Fleming himself were going to have a meeting about the dividends of Sept. month on ~~Gold~~ Savings and I hope to get your reply to my letter which was done - I have a man with 50000$ who wants to go in if I say the word and is willing to let me have one half interest and consequently I do not want to make a mistake in the matter when he has offered so kindly to me - so when you get this write me fully on the subject

Judging from Morrows letter I am satisfied he is the right man in the right place Yours

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8 San Francisco Jan 2 1864

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To Geo Hearst

Head arrived and will make some move on tobacco has massows order twenty five 25 for you have large amount must keep me posted am offered grain glad cash

Wm M Lent

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JAS. GAMBLE, Superintendent. **H. W. CARPENTIER, President.**

6 Sanbon June 22 1864.

8 P M.

To Geo Hearst

Stocks have been very heavy but are gradually improving have you been to see the Vulcan in Santa fee District if so how do you like it. Joe will give you the News at Virginia

Wm M Lent

25 pd 75 d

No. 1.

California State Telegraph Company.

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GEO. S. LADD, Superintendent. **H. W. CARPENTIER, President.**

GEO. H. MUMFORD.

San Fran Dec 6 186[illegible]

Rec'd at Nevada Dec 6 186[illegible] 8 M.

To Geo Hearst

How much have you drawn on me for Have sent Clothes to Sacramento & Sent

Alta Printing House.

Luke Parsons In a/c with Wm. H. Lent.

1864

Dec 31	To Paid Harris Comm A/c 11th 1864	550
"	" Interest to date @ 2%	94.23
"	" Paid Hon July 22d for Ins left	376.50
"	" Interest to date @ 2%	39 85
"	" Cour 5th a/c Lent & Beach as made rec'd to show Principal & Interest	3 469.95
"	" Cour 5th a/c "North American" Circulation, learned 110 pt G. Sam to be divided	6.699.60
"	" Cour 3d a/c Lent. Kempt & Parsons (White Rock Execution)	12.580.32
"	" Cour 4th a/c W. C. Lent & Beach after division of Acct including Principal & Interest	22.954.48
"	" Cour Note a/c Aud 1st 1863	2100
"	" Interest on do 18 Mos 7 & 8 @ 1½	518 40
		$49.723.63

Cr

Dec 31	By Cash rec'd from Hon Buel 12th 1864	17.000.
"	" Interest on do to date @ 2%	3.515 33
"	" Cash rec'd by Hon 11th 64 on sale at "Crown Point"	3.625.
"	" Int on do to date @ 2%	555.83
		24.696.16
	Balance due this day	$24.927.47

E.O.E. San Francisco Dec 31st 1864

Wm. H. Lent
M. & G. Counsel

(over)

1864

Dec 31	To Amount brought forward.		24.922.49
"	Cash of 100 Aspinwall Napoleon Capital Stock - June 14. 1864.	7.066	
"	Assessment $50 pr share July 6th	500	
"	Interest to date @ 2%.	986.33	8.552.33
Dec 31. 1864	Balance due		$33.479.80

~~1865~~

~~Jany 24 " Paid 15th of 1/2 of cost of "Contributed" Stock & 15th belonging to original "Pool" not before paid for - Lay 15th of 1/3 pr North American 27/5 -~~ ~~3.545.09~~

~~26 " Paid Assessments on 49 2/5 pr Nth American 84 pr s & delivd -~~ ~~108.43~~

~~28 " Paid Assent on 4 68/ Mlwch Sam~~ ~~280.80~~

~~$34.508.40~~

$33.412.12

Cr

~~Jany 27 By Sale of 4 68/ sh "Sam" @ 220 - 1029.50~~

~~Less Comn 12.50. 1.017.~~

~~28 " " " 49 2/5 Nth American - Ex "Sam" - 444.60 1.461.60~~

~~$35.044.80~~

$35.950.52

Wm Penn

W E Ketchum

Geo Parsons In Acct with Wm. M. Scott

1864			
Dec	31	To Balance A/c rendered.	$23.479.80.
1865 Jany	24	" Gain 5th of 1/2 Cost of "Contributed" North American Stock, and 15 pt of original lot, not before paid for, Lay 5th of 13 pt — 27 2/5 pt.	3.543.09
	26	" Paid Assessment on 49 2/5 pt "North American" & advertising	108.43
	28	" Paid Assmt on 4 68/100 pt "Uncle Sam"	280.80.
Mch	2	" " " 100 sh "Napoleon Copper" stock & advertising	1.201.
Aug	18	" Paid Assmt on 100 sh "Napoleon Copper Stock	500.
Dec	30	" Gain 5th of $1400 advanced on a/c of "Mars" stock	280.
		" Interest on a/c to date @ 1 1/2	5847.45
			$45.270.87

Cr

1865 Jany	27	By Prof. Sale of 4 68/100 pt "Uncle Sam" c 220. 1029.50 Less Cont. 1250.	1.017.
	28	" " " 49 2/5 Nth American & Sam.	444.60
Feby	20	" " " 3 pt Crown Point c 900	2.700.
	21	" " " 1 5/8 " do c 950.	1.543.75
Mch	3	" " " 5 " "Mars" c 60.	300.
Apl	7	" " " 10 " do c 57½	575.
Dec	30	" Rec'd from Mars Co. assmts refunded	150.
			$6.730.35
		Balance due this day.	$38.540.52

E.H.E. San Franc°. Dec 30. 1865.

Wm M Scott
Wm E B Holmes

For value rec'd I hereby assign & transfer the within account to George Hearst, with full power to collect & appropriate the same to his own use.

San Francisco Dec 30th 1865

Wm. M. Lent
by his atty in fact
E. B. Holmes

Assignment

2:12 WENT, WILLIAM M. 1867-1868

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San Francisco
Dec 12th 1867

Friend Frank

Your of yesterday came duly to hand contents noted

When you went away you said that if we went into this you wanted one third interest in it, I told you that I would finance it though - as my hand was up on Sunday and not hearing anything from you except your letter of 27th in which you shadowed forth your good opinion of the mine and the next thing was to make arrangements for the money, had I known what your obligations of finding would have been I could have done better - but not knowing I made arrangements with Robert & Heydenfeldt to carry 1/3 for us - when I got your dispatch to draw on Mackey I was in a fix and I after having a talk with Sanborn and he informed me the plans to get a hold of Lincoln Mill & crush for us which Mackey would advance the money and we have no third each I altered the programme and gave only 1/6 to Robert 1/6 to Heydenfeldt and 1/3 to you myself and 1/3 to Mackey & Sanborn Sanborn to go right back and attend to it & Mackey to advance the money as the deeds were made to me and I must

do so I made the deed to Remy Stow & Co and thus the matter stands - as the property stood in my name I wanted to show no one could be damaged by any accident to me - By my arrangements you & myself have secured 1/3 without any risk on our parts of raising any money and have a chance to make mine out of the Country - The ballance of the world may find fault with me but I do not want you to - From what Sanborn informs me it is a big mine and those that advanced the money will make a big thing thereby as - but at the same time we make a good thing - up to your arrival at Hunter's I had 25 oz of to pay here what drafts you might have drawn - no report from the mine, I did not dare to wait any longer and I had hard work to make the money arrangements I did - had I have waited until Friday night I could have done better - with the fact that Felostin & Selling were acting to back I was afraid to delay - I done the best I could under the circumstances

Yours &c

Wm Lent

San Francisco
Jany 21st 1868

Friend Frank

Enclosed you will find a letter from James which was directed to both of us I leave you to answer on the 2nd proposition -

I also enclose you a letter received from Cleper I send you this letter to show you the great difference in men here is a man that has advanced us 60.000 and has a good prospect of return and he stands to it like a man - a contrast to others who have a big thing

Mr Willis told me the conversation about Running Stag & Dennis 50 feet

When the time came to pay the money on the Running Stag I found that I was to have hard work to make it go - I first went to Ralston and could not get it offering no Lent to secure it - he said it was not business to have anything to do with married woman - I then went to Heydenfeldt who was agent for Mrs Lent & prepared for him to go in I told him my hopes and I then went to Geo Roberts and made this proposition that if he Heydenfeldt would go in Heydenfeldt for Mrs Lent would put up 10.000$ to cover the first loss and they to carry one third for your race - I to divide my half with Cleper after the loss (if any there should be) or Profit - This was agreed to up to friday afternoon

when Roberts came around and told me that Harpending backed down from going in - George told me if I could not make any other arrangements he would temporarily help me through at least eight I got your telegram to draw on Mackey for what money I wanted - I took a carriage and went out to Roberts house and showed him your telegram and told him that I could get along by his taking a sixth, when he said that Harpending would want to come in and he would have to divide his interest with him, I told him that I suppose that you had committed yourself - On Saturday I got 10.000$ from Heydenfeldt & 5000$ from Roberts & 10.000$ from the Bank of California on my note with Roberts endorsement - this made the 25.000$ paid to the Jews for Levi's interest and Seligman for Woods interest - On monday Sanborn arrived when I heard that the draft for 5000$ & 2800 would be down next day - Sanborn told me that Mackey had plenty of money and if they could get the Lincoln Mill and the Ophir or a majority of the stock Mackey would put up the money for us and we would share the same with him - Thus things lasted until you came down - only in the mean time I got Roberts & Heydenfeldt to take each a sixth and give to Sanborn & Mackey each one sixth - Roberts agreeing

to it on my giving Heydenfeldt fifty feet out of the extent held by them and Sanborn forgive an advance of 5000$ on his interest - I got a letter from Jamie expressing a wish to have fifty feet at the rate of 6000$ on receiving the whole ground I found that there was getting up quite an excitement and Jew others were enquiring about Jamie rather he would be down and it was to our interest to secure him in our interest or others might take him up and I let him have fifty feet - no one does complain except yourself which you could do as my debtor - but I think as a matter of policy I acted right - I would not ask you to contribute as I had learned that you was dissatisfied with what had been done - and if others would not come forward and contribute to what I done for the common good I would not ask him - I got Sanborn to give Slop fifty feet it was due from Sanborn to Slop and I urged it as a friend of Slop and at the same time answer to have Slop in the company for his influence and the true friendship that he has shown to both of us when a friend was useful and wanted - I have given you the facts of the case there are many little details that has not occurred many in my estimation which I shall keep to myself where there was a doubt they were offsets and where a certainty their premiums were most profuse

a Mr Webster one of the owners of the "Leviathan" came to day with a letter from Mr Donelson - he has 1600 feet extension north or south of Angel which for sale he asks 25$ I told him that there was no use of offering at this price. he will go north on Saturday - he expects a letter from a large owner in the Leviathan who lives in Oregon if the letter contains money from I will buy right a lead on it - he has also the "John Hart Astor" which he wants to sell. he brought down with him a piece of rock from Running Star Boyd Shaft - he will be in again in a day or two -

Webb has had one or two talks with one or two of my I told him that he could not in my judgment sell the Orofino in its present shape for anything near the money he wanted for it and he has about made up his mind that I am correct - I have tested his rock others with punches & hammer and I think that they are well impressed with our standing and will be of great service to us in future operations

My family are about the same Mrs Lent is a great sufferer and I have restrained the three from her

My regards to Joe tell him I received the draw to meet his draft but he is welcome

Truly Yours

Lent

San Francisco
March 13 1868

Friend Frank

Since my arrival here I have been very busy, on the Land. Carpenter will go up to day I have had a long talk with him on changing his fight from the Senate to assembly and amending Farwell's bill and putting the whole matter into the hands of the Fixed Commissioners I told him that any promise that you made for me I will carry out I think that he will accept the seat here as soon as you can. They have been doing a heap of work some evenings but I do not think that they can pass the Rose amendments my idea is to make the law so that all the property inside of the bulk head or the line of 32 foot water: that the whole state title shall be vested in the board of Fixed Commissioners, and make Head Center and other owners come in and support the bill. The more I think of it the better I am satisfied that this is the only way that the bill will be carried this session

If the Fixed Commissioners are to figure in the bill I had better keep out of the way of Sacramento.

Yours &c Wm Walcott

2:13 WENT, WILLIAM M. 1870-1871

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Eureka June 19/70

Dear George

After you left I got a competent person to go up & measure every pile and draw samples and the following is the result

Centennial Mine (Gold Hill)

240	Tons	Carbonates	$28.42
1½	"	Galena	247.75
		Buckeye	
100	tons	Carb	64.29
~~600~~	"	"	~~75.64~~
150	"	"	68.91
30	"		54.91
120	"		36.05
100	"		32.92
600	"	Black	69.95
28	"	Galena	587.47
15 69½	tons all	average	66½ $

In measuring for the ore we were very partic=
=ular and allowed 13 feet to the ton -

The centre ore does not go as high as the Buckeye -

My dip from the bulling as it came from the furnace was 190.00 in Silver 75 Gold Total 265

I did not have the ore assayed for the lead but will do so - I am safe in calling it 25 p/ton lead - This in New York is worth as follows

Gold & Silver	66.50
Lead 500 @ .5	25.00
one ton of ore will	91.50

bring this in New York

The cost of getting the ore to New York $22.00
Cost of working the same here 25.00
47.50
profit for two 44.00
91.50

This on the 1570 tons or a profit on the ore out $69.080 - nothing left than 100.000 $ will buy the mine - in making my calculations I have been liberal in my calculations as you will see I calc the cost of working the ore 25 $ per ton - and have calculated 4 tons of ore to make one ton of bulling - if it takes less ore than it will cost more but then the value will be ~~the same~~ increased

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Enclosed I have to you a telegram sent to me fully your views

Yours &c
Lewis

Eureka June 20/70

Dear George

I have a bond on the Buckeye property until the 5th of July. To make the bargain I have to deposit on or before the 5th in the Bank of California the sum of 25,000$ and when the title is perfected 25 000$ making 50 000$ - on the first day of September 25000 and on the 1st day of October 25000$ the last two payments to be secured by Bond and mortgage This is the best that can be done I want you to make all the haste you can coming to this place if you can and taking a second look at the property and arriving in San Francisco as early at the 1st of July if possible - on your arrival at Hamilton write me

Yours &c

Wm M Lent

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OF THE

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LELAND STANFORD, President. F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Sup't, San Francisco.

Please Answer by this Line.

Palisade 12 1870

Received at S.F. Dec 12 1870 2 40 P.M.

To Geo Hearst

See Garrett & take three fourths of butte. Get our interest with Earl. Things at the mountain look well

Wm M Lent

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LELAND STANFORD, President. — 9 — F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Sup't, San Francisco.

Battle Mountain 16 1870

Received at S. F. Dec 16 1870 6 40 P M.

Geo Hearst

MacLane left with Janin for Galena I sent your dispatch to him by express with a letter telling him that I was ready to put up the money - I will do my best to carry out your ideas - McLane will no doubt be here in the morning let Mason take what he wants & we together will carry one tenth 1/10 for Garrett & give him the superintendency they have not closed the sale as Gash was offered one third 1/3 today this latter private - we will have to divide with Dodge & give Janin some -

Wm Lent

94 Col 500 Pc

Please Answer by this Line.

The Western Union Telegraph Company.

Pacific Division.

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WM ORTON, President, O. H. PALMER, Secretary, } New York. G. H. MUMFORD, General Agent. JAS. GAMBLE, General Supt., } San Francisco.

Battle Mountain Nev Dec 16 1870

Received at San Francisco 16 18 3 30 P M.

To Geo Hearst

As I telegraphed Janin & Dodge will want some we do not want less than six months this will give mason two Garrett one & we the ballance - I am willing to give mason the management if that is what he wants prolong negotiations until tomorrow noon

4 of 6 Wm M Lent

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LELAND STANFORD, President. 3 F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Sup't, San Francisco.

Battle Mountain 17/70

Received at S. F. Dec 17 187 d 12 10 R.

To Geo. Hearst

Accept the proposition of four 4/9 months at rate of eighty thousand 80 000 dollars and save madame any complications answer immediately subject to Davis's report

Wm M Lent

23 Collect 125

Please Answer by this Line.

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WM ORTON, President, O. H. PALMER, Secretary, } New York. G. H. MUMFORD, General Agent, JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, } San Francisco.

San Francisco Aug 17 1871

Received at Aug 17 71 9 f M.

To Geo Hearst

Will protect the stock in your account Do you know anything about Bully Boy & Webster mines

Wm M Lent

Paid me

OFFICE--Next door to First National Bank,

MAIN STREET, SALT LAKE CITY.

George Hearst. In a/c with William M. Lewis

1870.		Cr.		Dr.	
June 25.	To Cash paid G. H.			300	.
July 5.	" " " Draft G. H. on W. M. L.			100	.
	" Expenses to Mines of W. M. L.			200	.
	" Cash paid Bank of California.			25.000	.
16.	" " telegraphed to John Cahill $2.000.			2.031	25
25.	" " paid J. C. Bateman & Co.			6.250	"
	" Bills Payable of W. M. L. as follows:				
	Due Sept. 1. 1870.			12.500	.
	" Oct. 1. "			12.500	"
	Total Cost of 12.500. Shares "Eureka Consolidated."				
	$58.881. 25				
September 1.	" Cash paid Bank of Cal. for Drafts by G. H. from "Peiche."			1.664	16
	" " " for Telegrams, to date.			20	.
5.	" " " " " this day.			8	25
	" " " G. H. prior to departure for Peiche.			500	.
	" " " on orders from John Cahill.			130	.
23.	" " " for Telegrams to date.			47	29
				61.250	86
	By Cash Rec.d from J. W. Gashwiler for 500. "Eureka."	2.500	.		
	" " " " Wm. Willis. " 300. "	1.500	"	4.000	"
				57.250	86

One Half of $57.250.86 due by George Hearst,

Cr. By Cash.	Dr.	$28.625.43
		6.250. "
George Hearst.	Dr.	$22.375.43

Interest on $22.375.43 @ One p.c per month.

San Francisco, Cal.
September 23.d 1870.

Wm M. Lewis.
By Wm Willis.

5885 Shares

2:14 PEARSON, JOHN W. 1869 - 1872

BUSINESS PARTNER

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Statement of J. W. Pearson's assets Jan 1st 1890

	S		E			
Township	11	Range	16	Sections 2. 3. ½8, 9, ½10, 16, 17.	=	5. ¾
"	13	"	13	" 16	=	1
"	"	"	14	" 36	=	1
"	13	"	19	" 5, ½6, 7. 8, 15, 22, 23.	=	6 ½
"	14	"	13	" 16, 36.	=	2
"	"	"	14	" {1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. 16 22, 23. 24, 25. 26. 27. 35. 36}	=	16.
"	"	"	15	" {5/16 15, 21, 22, ⅜ 23, 1/16 24, 4/16 25 26, 27, 28. 29. 30, 31. 32, 33, 34. 35}	=	13 3/16
"	"	"	17	" 22, 27, 28, 33, 34	=	5
"	"	"	18	" 30, 31, ½ 32,	=	2 ½
"	"	"	21	" 26	=	1
"	15	"	17	" 11	=	1
"	"	"	18	" ½ 5,	=	½
"	"	"	19	" 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10, ½ 11. 13. 14, 15. 17. 18. 22. 24. 26. 28. 30. 32. 34}	=	19 ½
"	"	"	20	" 24. 26.	=	2
"	"	"	21	" 2. 18. 20. 22, 24. 26. 28. 30, 32. 34.	=	10
"	16	"	19	" 2, 4. 6	=	3
						89 15/16

	being 57.560 acres @ 3.00	172680.00
Miscellaneous Property.	Swamp Land 5000 " " "	15000.00
		187680.00
	acres	
	C. H. F. Williams 2000	
	" A. S. Gould 1000	
	" C. A. Pollard 6080. 9080 @ 3.00	27240.00
		$ 160,440.00
	Oakland Point	6[illegible]0.00
	Mission.	6000.00
	Bills Receivable	40000.00
	Ryan Property	4000.00
		216,440.00
	Bills Payable	27000.00
		$ 189,440.00
	Fuquay Property to belong to J.W.P.	
	Heart's Int in balance	
	Money put in & property by Heart paid in 18500. drawn out 3820	14680.00
	By Jno C. Earle $6500. one half	3250.00
		$ 17930.00 11930.00

Statement by me and quite correct as I believe

Wm H Parsons,

Valuation Jan 1/70
on a/c with G. Hearst

This Agreement and articles of Limited Copartnership entered into on this Fifteenth (15th) day of May A. D. 1872. Eighteen hundred and seventy two. By and Between John W. Pearson and George Hearst, both of the city and county of San Francisco in the state of California, Witnesseth. That whereas said J. W. Pearson and G. Hearst, for the past several years have been doing business, more, or less, together under the name of John W. Pearson; and, whereas they are both interested in the real estate and other business heretofore transacted, and now being transacted by said Pearson; and whereas the interest of said Hearst therein has not heretofore been fully defined; and he has not been fully identified with, and recognized in said business transactions of said Pearson; and whereas they both believe it to be for their best interest, jointly and severally, that they shall from this date forward enter into fully, mutually, jointly and equally, all the business transactions of said Pearson; Now therefore in consideration of the premises, and of one ($1.00) dollar to each by the other in hand paid, and hereby receipted for, Know all men by these presents, that they have this day entered into and do hereby enter into and form a Limited copartnership under the firm name of Pearson and Hearst, for the transaction of any business that they jointly, or that said Pearson, may choose

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on a/c with G. Hearst

to transact, or do, for their joint benefit, profit or loss. That the term of duration of said Limited Co partnership shall be till mutually dissolved by them, or till the decease of either; and the closing up of such Limited copartnership by the survivor, and the heirs of the deceased with the aid of a chosen representative by said heirs; all of whom shall close up in a manner and time said partnership for the very best interest of all concerned; or continue the same; if they mutually so elect to do. That their principal place of business shall be in the city of San Francisco in the state of California. That said Pearson shall be the principal business man and manager for the copartnership, and shall transact all business for the copartnership, and in the firm name; which he is fully authorized to sign; and shall keep, or have kept, by a thoroughly competent and reliable bookkeeper and accountant, at all times, a full and complete set of books, shewing the entire transactions of the firm, and shall render a statement as often as reasonably required by either party, shewing the true and exact condition of the copartnership affairs, and that said Pearson shall give his entire time and attention to the management of the copartnership affairs, and shall receive therefor from the copartnership, as salary, Five thousand (5000^{00}) dollars U.S. gold coin per annum. That said Hearst shall give the actual necessary

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on a/c with G. Hunt

time and attention to the copartnership affairs to consult and advise with said Pearson, when required to do so, as to copartnership business. That the Capital, upon which the copartnership is formed, and which is furnished, half and half by each, is of the aggregated value of

and consists of the various real and personal property, and bills receivable, less bills payable, in this, and their other copartnership books, as per entries and appraised values, up to this date, and as per balance sheet of this date, shewing the same; a copy of which is held by each party hereto. That any capital hereafter put into said copartnership shall be furnished by both parties hereto, share and share alike, and so shall all profits be divided between them, and any capital hereafter put in by either, or any capital drawn out by either shall be either charged against, or credited to, him, as the case may be. That all liabilities of said Pearson growing out of business transactions to this date shall be, and are hereby, assumed by the copartnership; and all profits growing out of the same shall inure to the benefit of the copartnership. That either partner may at any time hereafter close the copartnership for good and sufficient cause by placing a price and terms of payment upon the copartnership property at which he will either sell his interest, or purchase that of the other partner giving the option

That no liability, by the endorsement of notes, contracts, or other obligations, or otherwise, shall be hereafter incurred, or made, against the copartnership by either partner; except such liability, or obligation, grow out of, and is a part of some business transaction of said firm.

Valuation Jan 1/70
m a/c with G. Hunt

to buy or sell to said other partner; but that until such, or some other dissolution of this copartnership shall take place hereunder, all business, of every name nature or kind, transacted by said Pearson, as general business man, and manager of the affairs of said firm, shall be, in all respects, as fully and completely binding upon the Copartnership, and each member thereof, as though transacted, approved and signed by both. And, in conclusion, it is hereby mutually understood and agreed, by and between both parties hereto in the name of true friendship and all that is honorable that when either shall decease the other while living shall, aside from all obligations taken upon him in this covenant, kindly and carefully look after the best interests of the family of the deceased, and do all in his power to honestly advise, protect, and (if need be) materially aid them.

Signed, sealed and entered into on the day and year first above written.

Our total Expenditures $28.000.

Collected from Assessments	15.000.	
Templeton Assessed	7000.	
Cash from new Company	6000.	28.000.

Templeton should have been assessed only 5000$ as that was all any other shareholder had paid to the 1/4 interest - hence the Pacific Wood Company were short $2000. which had to be made up by assessments which was collected as follows

From Templeton	500.	
" Bolinger	500.	
" Pearson	250.	
" Moore	250.	
" Hearst	500	2000.$

1869			
Jan 19.	50 Cash	100.	
Feb 19	" " by Capt. Sanger	100	
" 26	" " "	5.	
" 31	" " Mrs Rhodes	15.	
Apr 6	" " Hain's check	300.	
June 8.	" " ½ profits note	1250.	
Aug 21.	" " Mr Pleasant	50.	
" 10	" "	50.	
Sept 16.	" " Mr Pleasant	40.	
22	" " "	10.	
Oct 8.	" "	500	
13.	" "	15.	
20	" " to Ham Hs	500.	
21	" "	2000.	
Nov 4	" "	10.	
By Cash Pearson			8000.
" Lob Chapman			4500.
" Cash Pearson			6000
To Balance		14680.	
		18500	18.500
			19000.
By Balance			14680.

4100
6500
10600

18500
14680
3820
280
4100

Statement of
G. Hearitt &c
with J. M. R.

Mr Geo Hearitt will
please transfer to Ed Fry an
undivided one fourth (1/4) interest
in the Baldwin contract
as security for the payment to
him of $5000 borrowed of him
in paying for the same as per
agreement. 8. 4. 8. 81 5th 1876

J. W. Pearson

2:15 STUMP, IRWIN C. 1890

HEARST'S BUSINESS MANAGER.

72/204
C

J. B. Haggin,
50 Nevada Block.

San Francisco, Cal. Feb 27th 1890

My dear Senator

I regret to learn from a note received from Wightman that you were somewhat under the weather and confined to the house. I hope you are at the present writing in splendid health and able to give battle for the interests of the Coast. Since you left for Washington matters here have moved along quietly – business of all kinds more or less paralyzed by continuous rains during the entire winter. I presume it is safe to say that money matters was never before as tight with <u>everybody</u> rich and poor as they have been for the past ninety days, but with the advent of Spring and more agreeable weather we all look for better times. We have been fearfully strained for coin – and had to do some tall scratching to keep things moving – With the Anaconda drawing from $100.000 to $200.000 more than she was

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earning – the <u>Virginia</u> roads blocked so that their base ore could not be hauled to the samplers – the Yuba hedged in by snow – the Sheep Ranch filled with water (now pumped out) was a combination that it was hard to break against.

Wheeler finally consummated the sale of the small ranch in San Luis Obispo for $5000 – the price named by yourself and has paid the money therefor. Van Gordon will give possession in a short time – as it is at present occupied by a man who rented it for $200 per year.

Dr Ross has taken his horse up to Sacramento to stand during the season & Van Gordon is to bring up in a few days 6 mares to breed. I did not let Ross have any more money – because a letter received from his brother in Australia claims that the horse belongs to him and not to his brother, the Dr, & that he intended to institute legal proceedings to recover the horse – so that if we had a bill

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sale — we might be buying a law-suit. According to Dr Ross statement of account he owes you only $375 — and promised that he would write to you to that effect.

Will new man to take charge of the business management of the "Examiner" will be here by tomorrow or next day, and judging from his appearance and the way he talks I think he will prove a good man. His name is "Palmer" he sails from St Paul — Salary $10.000 per year.

The "Examiner" is not paying yet, but "Palmer" says it should will if he is let alone. Will seems somewhat discouraged that the paper is not making money now, but I hope that before long it will be as he desires.

Dr Latham was instructed some time ago to send you the wine and he promised to do so, but he seems to have neglected the matter & I have gone after him again very

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sharply. I am getting somewhat tired of the Doctor — but hope he may improve.

I have rented the fruit orchard near Tomol for $2500 so that is off our hands for a year. I am now trying to rent the grazing land adjoining but thus far have not succeeded.

The Chrome papers sent were sent up for Record as requested.

I presume Mr Tevis is now in Washington looking after Seal Fishery contract.

Sincerely Yours
Edwin E. Sharp

J. B. Haggin,
50 Nevada Block.

San Francisco, Cal. Feby 27 1890

Dear Senator

Since writing you this morning another matter has occurred to me which I desire to speak of. Before you left we were talking to Tarpey about a scheme to start works in Butchertown to control the Steers Head, Hide & other offall. He expected to get a monopoly of the business by getting the Butchers to all sign an agreement to sell him exclusively the offall from Beeves, Calves, Sheep &c – but in this he failed – Miller & Lux the principal Butchers declining – & others made their signature dependant on Tarpey's getting Miller & Lux signature.

Tarpey now wants to buy out those in the business – or rather some of the principal ones – & he thinks by so doing he can then control the business – perhaps he could – but I regard it as very uncertain. He is depending or hoping for us to join him in this scheme. I do not want to do it & I would like for you on receipt of this letter to telegraph me as follows!

over

J. B. Haggin,
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"If Tarpey gets Butchers to sign his agreements join him in enterprise. If he cannot do nothing till you hear from me"

Yours truly
Wm. C. Ralston

COPY

San Francisco, Mch. 22nd, 1890

My Dear Senator,

Will returned yesterday all well, and we had a full talk over his matters as well as yours, and that you may understand how your money goes I send you herewith a Statement showing amount drawn during the months of January and February, and for this month the disbursements will be equally as large, as Parson's drafts came in the early part of this month for $41,000 for money drawn by you in New York and Verger draws for $15,000 balance due on the Mexican Bonds purchased. From the foregoing you will observe that you are spending money at the rate of near one million dollars per year, more than your income and while money matters are so tight with Mr. Haggin, it does seem to me that you cannot afford to embarrass yourself by going into new speculations. For God's sake you have enough already without straining matters to obtain more. Besides all this you know that the "Examiner" will require a great deal of money in a short time or it must stop. There is one of two things, you must go slow in your expenditures or you must commence selling property to keep up.

Mind you I have no reason to complain- except to protect you, and to that extent I deem it my duty to speak plainly for your own good. Do not allow the pursuasive eloquence of your friends to lead you into new adventures no matter how promising they may be. The house in Washington must be finished- the Brewer Mine Mill must be completed and paid for. The racing stable expenses will go on until you dispose of it- the Examiner property must be protected. The Ranch properties must be maintained- Verger adventure must be carried to completion- your Washington expenses must be provided for- the Equipment of the Mexican Mine (Wilson) must be attended to. All these properties need our fostering care for another year, when the pressure will be over and until that time all your income will be required for these properties- leaving nothing for outside adventures- no matter how seductive or promising.

What I have said must be my excuse for telegraphing as I did yesterday.

Sincerely your friend,

Irwin C. Stump

EXPENDITURES OF GEO HEARST DURING JAN & FEB. 1890

San Mateo Marsh Lands	121.10
Rancho Piedra Blanco	9697.88
P.E Hearst	24021.50
W.R.Hearst	5079 70
Alameda Co.Lands	2409.04
Bills Receivable	145.
Fresno Co.Lands	196.80
Ida Neal	1291.36
Examiner Pub.Co.	39227.39
Racing Stable	10445.
Mexican Land (Follansbee)	2983.35
J.A.Verger	1200.
Texas Land (Cleveland)	217.80
Brewer Mine	8500.
Tulare Co.Land (R.P Hammond	355.36
" " " W.H.Hammond	95.20
Palermo L &.W.Co., Stock	4166
Madrone Vineyard	2584.66
Palermo Orchard	9371.47
Petty Expenses (N.Y.&.S.F.)	4088.05
Chrome Mine	30.95
Washington Residence	19123.38
S.F.Real Estate Taxes	1481.44
	149161.43

2:16 Tevis, Lloyd

1870 - 1871

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San Francisco. July 27. 1870

Mr Geo Hearst
Amador.

Dear Hearst.

The parties to whom is owing the $50.000. bal purchase money on the Buckeye claim are willing to sell the same at a large discount - $25.000 - is due Sept 1st & $25.000. Octo 1st. Lewis is anxious to take it up so as to save the discount & can raise all the money except $25.000.00 which he wishes to borrow of me - He has shown me a statement of his account with you in this matter as made out by Wells, & which shows that after deducting the $6.200. which you pd him the other day, & after he has paid yr pack of the $50.000 - above referd to, - you will owe him about $21.000.00 - He has explained the whole thing to me & I am of opinion that it is best to take up the $50.000 on the terms proposed - & to aid in this am willing to loan the $25.000.00 as desired, taking all the stock including Thompson & Co's as security, - provided I can make the loan on yr & Lewis's sold - But, I dont wish to interfere in any way as between you & Lewis or your accounts - By this arrangement you will get the benefit with him of the

discount, that is I take it for granted that you will, as you are thus afraid in furnishing the money to make the transaction.-

I told Reich I would write to you and we advance the money as suggested if you desires it - Do please telegraph me without fail on receipt of this. without delay - If you approve say "Make the transaction" -

Your friend Lloyd Davis

Blank No. 1.

THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

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ANSON STAGER, Gen'l Sup't, CHICAGO, ILL. | WILLIAM ORTON, Pres't, O. H. PALMER, Sec'y, NEW YORK.

Dated San Francisco Aug 12 1881

Received at 330 pm " "

To Geo. Hearst

Your telegram to Willis looks like Phoenix number two, do you know anything. all our information is favorable think you had better go to Eureka

Lloyd Davis

25 paid Box

Office, next door to First National Bank, Main Street, Salt Lake City.

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G. H. MUMFORD, General Agent. JAS. GAMBLE, General Sup't, } San Francisco.

San Fran 13 Sept 1871

Received at 1845 P.M.

To Geo Hearst

Pioche via Ham

Raymond Cheaply two look into Meadow valley and telegraph me whether to hold Buy or Sell

Lloyd Tevis

16 Frank 8

pd 5 cts answer free

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San Fran Sept 21 1871

Received at Eureka 21 1871 6 P.M.

To Geo Hearst

Care b W L Reyes

Have about five thousand shares yours and mine left examine thoroughly and advise by telegraph

Lloyd Tevis

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San Fran Sept 22 1877

Received at Eureka 22 1877 1 50 P. M.

To Geo Heart

Care W. S. Keyes

Is it advisable to sell Raymond and Ely at Seventy answer immediately as to that and Eureka

Lloyd Tevis

17 Frank 8
9 9

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San Fran Sept 26 1877

Received at Eureka 26 1877 10 55 a. M.

To Geo Heart

Have sold down to three thousand shares Joint account Shall I continue to sell or buy back

Lloyd Tevis

17 Frank 6
9 9

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San Fran Sept 26 1871

Received at Eureka 26 1871 10 40a M.

To W S Keyes
Or Geo Heart

An Englishman who recently assisted in Survey Richmond tells me that all their rich ore is on our ground is this possible

Lloyd Tevis

22 frank 6
99

Geo Heart
We have this day placed to Cr. of o/c Haggin & Tevis $2000.
Dividend on Bay View Land.
Pl Co of Cr
A W S
Book

2:17 REED, SILAS 1872 - 1877

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Evanston, Wyoming
Nov. 14th '72

Dear Hearst,

I see by the Cal^a Alta of 12th a Telegram from Salt Lake about the finding of Diamonds by your Company —

I learn here that Clarence King is on his way back & that Gard. Colton is to be here to-morrow & large preparations are made to go from Black Buttes South — the late news has stirred up the Cal^a Co, if just as I feared, it would & they will take & hold possession

all winter, as I predicted they would — I will stop here to-night, till I hear from you — Some are to go by Ft. Bridger

It shows that they are in dead earnest & that there is no mistake as to the value they place on the locations —

You have now to stir yourselves, If I thought there was any disposition to mislead me about the matter at Salt Lake I would not write you of these movements,

but prepare to go in soon after the men - & take possession of my share of ground -

You will now have to take possession, or risk losing what has been done.

You will find that constant possession will be held by the Cal^a Co - from this time forward - & they will fight off intruders as best they can.

You must let me know whether

I am to be counted in - or not - or I shall lay my own plans, which shall not, of course, conflict with your Co -

There is room enough for us all there, I have no doubt -

Truly Yours

Silas Reed

Cheyenne W. T.
Dec 22nd '72

George Hearst esq
San Francisco.

Dear Friend

On my return here from Rock Spring on the 21st I found your letter of 17th from Salt Lake

I fear that in my hurry of writing that pencil note at Evanston, I did not express myself as fully or clearly as I ought to have done.

Whatever I said was directed to the suspicion that Mr. Berry was not frank or honest in his intimation that the Diamond matter was a fraud.

If he had said he met Mr. King, who gave his opinion to this import - I would

him to suppose, by any word or act, that I mistrusted their errand - or knew, as I did, all their plans.

So I at once fitted out & started two men familiar with that locality, & put them on their trail to make certain of the exact locality, - for I was bound to know & judge for myself, whether it was the gigantic fraud it appeared to be - There ought to be some diamonds (geologically speaking) along the base of those mountains, but this location is too far from their base, to contain them.

The paper's exposure came here yesterday from San. Frisco

It is terrible to contemplate.

Can't you send me a copy of Jarvis's report?

With sincere regards to Mrs Hearst & a kind word for Master Willie. I remain yours

Silas Reed

I leave for St. Louis & Washington on Sat. 28th

address in Boston is 285 Marlboro' St.

not have doubted his conviction of fraud.

I had not the remotest idea of casting any reflection on you in the matter, even if my hasty note conveyed that impression

I am truly glad that you did not lend your name to the sale of an interest in it - after you heard it was probably a fraud - You could not, as you say in your letter - afford to make money out of what you had reason to believe was not a genuine thing.

I would not like to be in Mr. Janin's shoes just now - How could he have been so badly fooled?

Tell Mrs Thearst our address where we have gone if she wants to see her.

I came down the R.R. with Colton, King and Janin and 4 or 5 others of the party - Colton enquired where I had been - if there was talk about diamonds at Salt Lake

I told him Mr. Berry had found the Cal. Dia. Deposit, & thought of taking some claims next to the others - after he enquired if Mr. Berry had jumped the Cal. claims -

I told him I was positive Mr. B. & party had not done so, & did not intend unfair play.

All the party were shy and reticent - King & Bost knowing me - but avoided me in the day car - Colton sent me back from Black Buttes a rather insulting message - after my perfect courtesy towards him - not permitting

Say to your wife she is a very naughty lady for not letting me know where I could have gone if I come to see her.

St. Louis Mo
Decr. 25th '72

George Hearst Esq
San Francisco. Cal.

My Dear Sir

I have been here two weeks, very full of business, & leave for the Genl. Land Office in a day or two – & reach Boston early in Jany –

Two outsiders have bought 1/2 of our old Stanton Copper Co. interest, & I fired them with of copy of the Decree of Court obtained by Mulligan and Inge against you & Patton's heirs in Apl. 1863 – It is very severe on you, charging that you conveyed to Patton to "defraud your Creditors" &c. &c.

Please present my regards to Mrs Hearst and Willie & Allice, & Mr. Clark – and excuse my hurry –

Truly Yours
Silas Reed

Wonder how Jennie & Colton feel about Diamonds?

It is thought you can break it up - & I so told you a year ago -

The Decree covers all the lands you sold us. & we will have to see to break this up - or you will be called upon by these new men at once to make good your warranty - I am told that Inge is at war with Halligan, & would help to break it up -

Something must be done & suit brot. before 1st of March - or the Decree cannot be broken, as the 10 years are nearly expired -

You ought to give some one full power of Atty to act for you & bring suit

It is your duty to your son Willie - to wipe that Decree against you off the Court record of your native county - Halligan has sold the Judith Spring copper tract entire, as his, & given warranty deed to B. Thurmond - He would hold the "Hearst Mine" under the execution against your father's Estate, if you do not act vigorously - & we lose it - Wm Stone is dead, & I had a letter yesterday, from her at Boston, about this Decree

Geo Elliott says Judge Hunk has some papers that would aid much in defeating Halligan,

Write me at once to 285, Marlboro' St. Boston what you will do about it

I scrawl in haste

St. Louis, Mo.
Apl. 21. '75

Geo. Hearst Esq
Dear Sir,

Your letter of 31st Mt. with draft for $250,00 came to Mr Knox in my late absence at Staunton & Salem,

Mr. Knox feels as I do against Judge Treat not trying your case, & so have continued it to Oct. In meantime I will read over what further Inge & Halligan swore to since you left here — & see what is needed in rebuttal. It may be necessary for you to come next fall to deny their lies.

I saw Thos. Noadcock last week & requested him to have Thos. Collins write me what he knew or knows, & can take his deposition if necessary

I hear nothing of the Hunt letter yet, Seay is judge now — We had to take it — for if Kelligan had been elected he Seay could not have done business in the Dist — I start back to Washington tonight, & to Boston for my wife, & return here & on to Wyoming — I will write more of your case when I reach Cheyenne — We can't afford to lose it — & will not, I think, if Judge Dillon sits in it — I have told him so,

Thos. Woodcock & B. Thurman are moving to Utah soon —

Much love to Mrs Hearst —

Very Truly Yours

Silas Reed

I will pay the surplus you sent — to yr. atty's if we take no more depositions,

1808 Olive St St. Louis

Decr 23. '76

George Hearst Esq
San Francisco.

Dear Sir – I found your letter here on my return from Texas on the 16th inst – and today we have appealed your case to U. S. Supe. Ct, & I gave bond of $1000, for costs.

Mrs Hearst left here on 21st –

The cost of the copy of all papers will be large, & the Atty & Clerk in Court room today advised me to draw on you for not less than $500, which I have done by draft at sight today, which will leave here the 26th inst & be 2 or 3 days behind this letter.

I am on the eve of starting back to Texas – & will write more on return & send draft for balance of Atty's fees – Mrs H. will tell you what I think of your case –

Excuse haste, It is dark.

Truly Yours
Silas Reed

These witnesses you will get back if you beat – as you ought to –

H. W. LEFFINGWELL, MARSHAL.
St Louis, ... 187

DALLAS & WICHITA RAILROAD.

M. HENDERSON, Contractor.

Dallas, Texas, St. Louis Feby 4th 1877

Geo. Hearst Esq
San Francisco.

Dear Sir – I have not heard from you or Mrs Hearst since she left here. I have been in Texas most of the time since Mrs H. left – Your draft for $499 net came in due time – that is the amt. the Bk. credited me for – I have been very busy since my return & have waited also, ever since Mrs Hearst left, to hear from Seay & Kiskadden, whether they had drawn on you for the balance claimed to be due them – $250. – After Col. Seay became Judge, I had to employ Mr. Klein for $50, (he is in Knox's office) to aid Mr. Knox & Kiskadden in preparing the "Brief" &c for trial – & told Mr. K. is he ought to deduct this from his & Seays fee of $500. – I wrote him 3 times this winter about whether he had

Mr. Knox & Kiskadden will leave for Washington the 8th inst & you should settle with them direct, you claimed to be the balance of their fees.

drawn on you, & get no answer, the 3rd time last week - & will wait no longer for Messrs Knox & Klein need the balance due them -

Statement of account -

By your draft sent to me in 1875 - $250.00
To amt. due me for advances in 1873 - 131.00
Balance in my hands - $119.00

Aug. 1st 76 To amt pd 100 printed copies of Argument $77.50,
To amt pd Klein Atty. in 1875, (retainer) 25.00
To amt advanced Clerk on costs in 1875 - 25.00
To amt. pd land plats & sundries in preparations trial - 10.00
To Balance pd Clk U.S. court - costs 50.30
$187.80
By Old balance in my hands. 119.00
Jany 1st 1877 To Balance due me - $68.80
" " Balance due Mr. Knox - 100.00
" " Balance due Mr. Klein (atty) 25.00
Feby 5th 1877. I draw draft for this - $193.80

I hope my draft for balances due Mr. Knox (on his bill of $250 total) & Mr. Klein & myself - for $193.80, will find you at home in S. F. & you will respond soon - for I have kept Messrs Knox & Klein waiting to hear from Sey, I wish you would write me something of your success at Ontario mine & Mill - They are all well at Boston - I go to Lay as again tomorrow - Also enclose yours to Mrs Hearst - Regards to her & Willie

Truly Yours S. Reed

2:18 MINING CORRESPONDENCE

1860

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Melter & Refiner's Office
U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco,
14th April 1860

My Dear Hoast

I drop you a hurried line to know whether you would be willing to let me off of that purchase of wild cat? I am satisfied that there is money in it – but since you left here, I have entered into an important operation of another kind which engrosses so much of my time that I cannot possibly pay that attention to the matter which is necessary to make any thing of it – A few days after you left – I sold 50 ft of Junke at $10 the benefit of which you can have – If you agree to my proposition – or not – telegraph me "yes" or "no" – I would esteem it a great favor & think it would be in my power sooner or later to return the compliment – It is only for the want of time that I make the request

By the way – how about that ore from the "Washoe" to make that silver goblet – When your company gets in

full blast & commence shipping their ore to this City, either to be worked out, or transported. they will have to get a good deal of Assaying done, & as I am now prepared to do such things I would be very happy to have patronage of the "Washoe Company". Can you manage this for me —

In haste

Yours very truly &c

L. A. Garnett

2:19 MINING CORRESPONDENCE 1863

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Virginia City Jan 28th 63

Wm M Lent

Dear Sir

I visited the Gould & Curry Mill yesterday. The Mills is entirely stopped and a general cleaning up was going on I learnt they did not intend starting again until they had finished a ditch they are now running from the mouth of their tunnell to the Mill – as the water in the gulch was too dirty for use – they have about 150 men to work on it and it will no doubt be completed in a few days – As near as I can learn their Bars are worth 170 – which shows a very fair yield. I have an idea they have forced the months dividend as they have not paid any of the Mills working for them this week. It cannot be as large next month as they have stopped many of the Mills and their Mill cannot be depended on for some days – They

Cannot possibly have the 40 Stamps running for from 2 to 4 months — If they can get the Mill running regular with 40 Stamps they ought to declare big dividends as long as their ores will hold out — I believe the best policy when you have a big thing sell and give some one else a chance — It is taking big chances to pay 3000 per foot for mining ground and chance 100 per foot dividends for 3 years to get the principal back — I believe you can double faster by selling on an excitement and laying back for a depression — I wrote you in this letter S&C Bullion was 1.70 to the oz — that was what Muir gave me I brought up a small price which Handsby says is 1.91 to the oz giving a proportionate saving of silver according to calculation of Bullion about 88 per cent, our tubs with pans saves 66 per cent of silver and without pans 95 per cent silver —

Keep me posted on the price of Yellow Jacket & Savage — Watch Bob Morrell, Nevada Friends or Savage I suppose its Bobs intention to know about the claim first whether it makes a good showing or not on opening the lead — I think if there is any show of its dropping you had better sell mine if not hold it — till we commence working ores as I think it will then go up considerable — If the Gold and Curry drops any in the next 60 days I think there will be a great chance for speculation if there ~~[illegible]~~ they will by that time be able to do well with the Mill —

Give my love to Mrs Lent Willy & Fanny —

Yours Respectfully
W. A. Godfrey

Los Angeles
May 9th 1863.

G. Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir,

In May a contract was made (as you are aware) signed by Myself Mars, Porter, Chase, Parsons & Myself with J. Skinner to run a Tunnel for the purpose of developing the Los Angeles Lead, for which we agreed to give him eight dollars per foot and furnish the necessary Tools provisions &c, —

Mr. Croit informs me that several of the parties mentioned have disposed of their interests, I enclose you a Statement of Expenses of the Co. for Tools, Provisions & freight, showing a Balance due Chiedo &c, of $330 94

This amount should be paid & if the Company are desirous of continuing the work some arrangement should be made to avoid in future incurring any indebtedness —

Considerable work was done on the tunnel prior to the making of the contract, which cost me Two Hundred dollars and have had as you will see since more than my proportion —

Yours truly
J. R. Winston

July 28/1863

Virginia City N.T.

Friend Hearst

Dear Sir the time has elapsed when I promised to send my family the money I was speaking to you about & you started before I got to see you any thing more about it but I hope you will not disappoint me for they may make all preperations to come & then not get the money & then they would be in an awful fix I want to send it any way as soon as you can let me have it & then if they dont come you will get your money back so much the sooner but I am pretty certain they will come as soon as they get the means I hope you will not disappoint me but send it soon & I will give you all the stock I have got & bind myself to not draw any from Stray until you are paid if you want I want about $500. Please send me

the means of getting it down
we had a large fire here
Sunday burning the white house
near Strongs office & made it
Pretty hot for us to keep it from
burning this leaves all well
I remain yours
G H Smith

1867

Mc Brier Station Cal Feb 16.

Friend Hearst

I am just in receipt of your not from Mr Afferson in reference to putting him up a waggon in part payment of what I justly owe you & which I am under many obligations to you I replyed to Mr Afferson in this way that I had hardly got started here being once burned out since here & last fall having to build a new shop & many other expences that I had got about $800,00 behind in the City at the places where I deal & I feared to get much more stock that I was not going to get any returns from but told him if he would furnish me enough to pay for the stock I would certainly put him up one & glad of the chance I told him also I would do any or all the work in my line he wuts need & let it go the same way to I think he is satisfied that I am willing to do all I can & now I want a few words with you I suppose you have had very bad luck all.

for which I am very sorry indeed
for I have tasted the same ever
since I drove the first nail in
virginia city but I think now if I
am not crowded to close I will
in the course of 2 or 3 years have a good
business started so I can get even with
the world what I want to say to you
is this I am well aware of the aunt I
got of you but aunt Polly says she
thinks that you ought to be willing to
stand half of his Hagans doctor bill
the time she was sick so long in
virginia & it cost me over $100. to
have her attended as she is a near relation
of yours & none of mine dont think
I am trying to make this a matter
of computation I lay the matter
before you & then you can do as
you choose it was only a matter
of charity & to please aunt polly that
I ever took her to raise & I should
not of brought her to this country any
way but she said she felt as near to
her as her own child & I am sending
her to school all of the time just as
one of my own & in cal children
are very expensive I can count up
since the time she started from
franklin co Mo of seven hundred
dollars I have paid out on her
for traveling sickness & schooling
more than it has cost to raise all of our
children up to the present I just
write you this facts so you can
see what great disadvantages I
have labored under & now you can
use your own discretion about
setting any off I want you to write
me immediaily in reference
to the matter & what ever aunt
you state I owe you I will
settle with Mr Afferson by first
making him a waggon & then
what ever he may want but dont
lay this away when you get it &
neglect to answer it but let me hear
at once so I can know how to
work my business to pay it this
leaves all well hoping to find
you & family enjoying the same
blessing

Yours True Friend
G H Smith

San Francisco 8 Sept 1863

Geo Henry Ray
Virginia City

My dear Sir

Before this comes to your hand I presume our mutual friend D'Aumarie will have joined you for the purpose of taking a trip to Reese River and the surrounding region; and I sincerely congratulate you upon the fact that you are to have the aid of his very valuable services on an expedition upon which may hinge important results. - I enclose two letters to his address, which please have the kindness to hand to him.

It was with great reluctance that M. D. W. entertained thoughts of departing for an indefinite time, his prospects in Mexico; but finally yielded his consent to join you, in deference to my urgent advice, & your own wishes.

And further, I ventured to say to him, that his own interests

would not suffer by his meeting your views in this instance, but would be considered, & protected, by you, in the spirit of just liberality.

By his aid too, you would be able to settle and determine, step by step, as you progress, the true value of the minerals of the region you propose to prospect; and will know at the close of the trip, whether they equal, exceed, or fall short, of expectation. Should they equal or exceed your hopes, a new vast field would be open, where his services might be of greater import to you & himself, than any fortune he may have in view in Mexico. And, on the other hand, should they disappoint your hopes and expectations, the prospects in Mexico would be resumed with increased interest, & would suffer but little by the delay.

These are some of the consideration Lungs upon him - which, I am time to hope, will meet your approval.

Might before last I called to see Mrs Hunt - but she was unfortunately out, on a visit to some of the ladies of the house. Dickson and his brother are in fine health, crowing & kicking in the nurse's arms. Mr H. too was well.

If you have time to drop me a line from any point you may reach west in, I think by happy to receive one.

Cordially wishing you a pleasant and successful journey I am,

Yours very truly

I A Peck

Virginia Nov 18th 1863

George Hearst Esq.
San Franc

Dear Sir

I arrived here this morning. Left Union on Monday. I wrote you from that place - the letter coming on the same stage with me - this you may get as soon. I mentioned the Shebo - looked about the same not much chang since I last saw it. If I could see you I could explain better the exact condition. Do you think you will do anything in Humboldt. If not wish you would if possible give me some - thing the first opportunity. I am no money and cannot do anything in this place

I draw on you through Irwin & Hash - burn for two hundred & fifty $250 Dollars

Yours Truly

Rawhide

P.S.

I bought in a piece of Rock for you from the Shaft weighing — Sixty five pounds 65 # Should I send by Express or by Slow freight

L R
Bolands

Utah Territory
Secretary's Office.

Salt Lake City, Aug 26 1870

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir

I returned last night from Cottonwood. Spent two days there & visited most of the Mines, and find the Camp just like all new Districts but little work done. The only Mine opened is the Emma. This shows a very fine body of ore. They are down 140 ft. at this point the ore is some thirty ft in width over head & under foot. They say it assays from $150 to $700 & 40 % lead. Very cheap Mining. They sell everything as it comes out. I think it equals anything in Eureka. The ground on either side is unprospected. I am going to buy some on the side & locate on the other. I think there is money in

this Camp, it is only 25 miles from here, ore is being delivered at depot for $9 ton. The high mine of this is the Grizzly, this shows carbonates & is opened in several places. This mine could be got hold of cheap and a little work would put it in good shape to sell.

The Davenport have sett some good ore. Their ledge is narrow, they are down 40 ft. I am going to Stockton & Rich Valley tomorrow & thence again to Calaveras wood, when I will write you more fully—

Thornburgh goes down today and can give you a fuller description of the mines.

Yours truly,
L. I. Rawlings

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Gold Hill July 6th 1864

Friend George Nearest

I want to know if you are willing to Consolidate the Nevada Min Company with the Sewell & Shepard Min Company the terms Mr Curtis has informed you I presume George I want to know if you are all satisfied there at the Bay and if so I want you to write to me & let me know Geo Newman told me to say that he would have to go to the Bay to Business & would have to put off ~~notice he also~~ the Meeting of the Nevada Co until his return which will be (10) ten days George if every thing is right with the Nevada Company & the Same right to form the Consolidation Can be made & then the Claim will be secured to Nevada into that range I Can get some of the Ground Cheap I am not Know anything about the Consolidation yet if the Nevada Company wants to back out let me know in your letter all I want is your views & opinions I will look for an answer from you as soon as possible The Machinery in the Sewell & Shepard Company will be running by this day Week the expected running Monday first but the Sunday Keeps them back I shall give a note Open day after George let me hear from by return Express yours &c

Patrick Henry

P S let me Know when Sam Curtis will be at this Post every thing very dull here Nothing doing nor likely for some time

Stenlinger
15 per cent

Austin N.T. April 21st 1864

Mr. G. Hearst,
Virginia.

Dear Sir,

Some few days ago Andrew Casamayou, read me a part of one of your letters, by wich I have seen my letter has been very long in reaching you.

I am still Mr. Hearst in need of money. I have managed to meet my little engagements up to now but I have only shift it for a short time from one shoulder to the other, I have also given order to sell few shares of stock I have in the vicinity of Gold Hill but I have not yet received an answer and do not know if it can be sold for the present =

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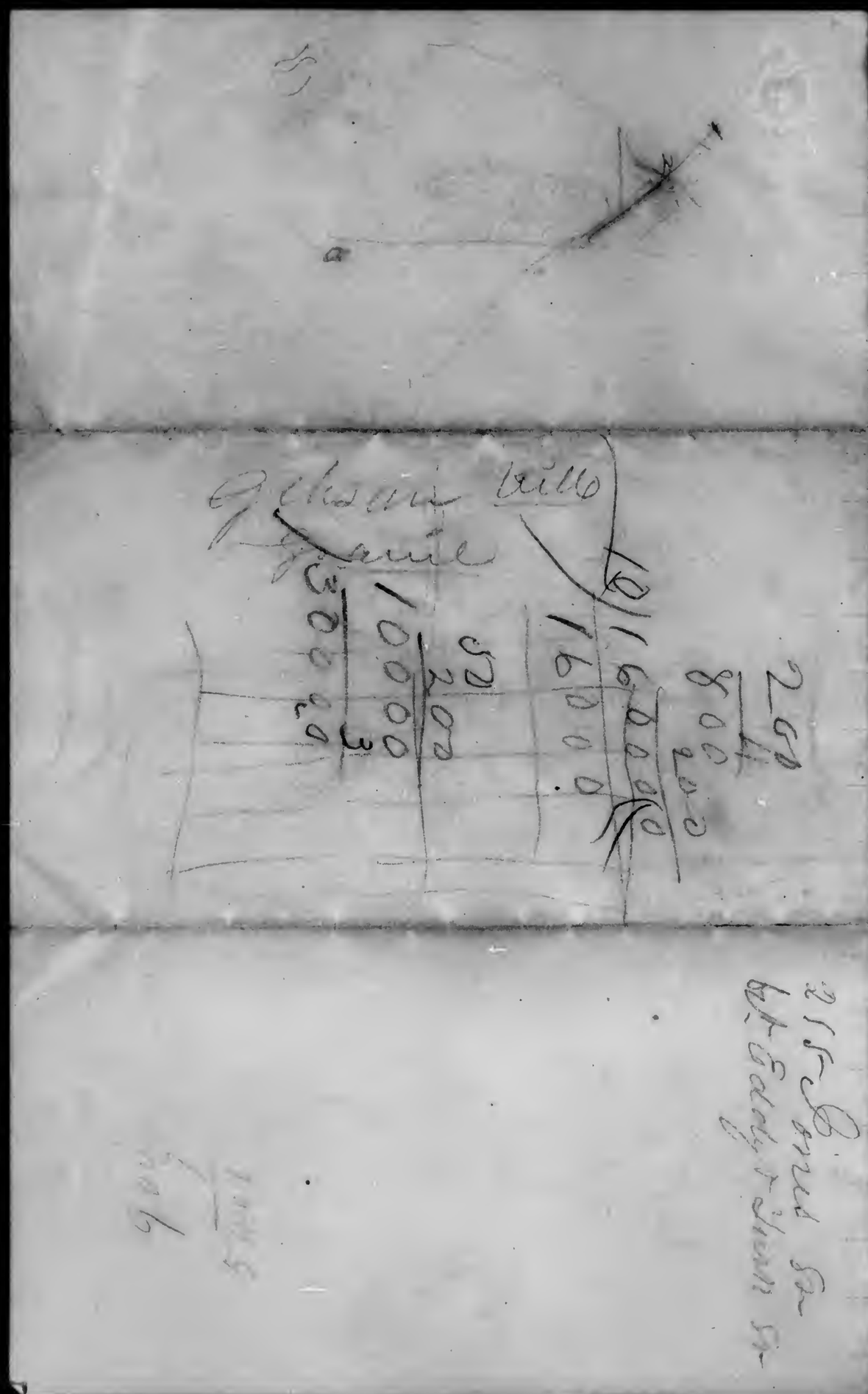
So Mr Hearst, if you can loan me Two hundreds dollars you will oblige me very much, I may need it for one month or two only, but I may also not tobe able to pay it before next august, by that time I shall be able to pay you if I can not sell stock, I will sell my town lot wich is in a good locality. A certificate of Deposit of some San Francisco, Bank would save me 4 per cent of transportation if you had it, but if you do not have it it does not matter. Please send to Casamoyou, with instructions

Yours Truly

P. Holland



Pico Sept. 30 1867

Dear George

Some man formerly connected with a Philadelphia Co. that done some work on the "Rochester" has been telling the people of New York that they tested the mose years ago and found it worthless and also told them lots of other stories for which they arraign me. Now I wish you would scratch your cabeza a little on dates and write me when the Phila. Co. drove that tunnel into the Rochester? was it not before the very rich rock was found on the mose? When was it that Prof. Silliman's brother in law came near buying the Santa's mose, and how much was he to pay for it? and how did it happen that he did not get it? Give me

these items as soon as you can as the pressure is coming a little heavy. Also write something about Mrs. Hearst. Guillaume and yourself. I wish you all could take a trip down here to see us. You would find us rather weather beaten but I feel like standing a few sou'westers yet. The climate is the most delightful here in the world and is having a good effect on us all. Wife and babies are now in better health than they have been since coming to this lower country. Drink to Lovingly

As ever most heartily Yours
C. A. Strong

Geo. Hearst Esq
San Fr'co

Virginia Oct. 4. 1864.

Geo: Kurtz Esq.

Dr Sir

I succeeded in finding the Murphy Ledge two miles South of the Original and Located you in it, it Cr = ops out 500ft. is a fine fissure vein second to none in Nevada. A Tunnel commencing on the Northern Boundry following the Ledge will tap it ere it re = aches the Southern over 500 feet. I purpose prospecting it forthwith by a shaft. You will please forward me $100 to this place to be expended on it or through your Agent whome you will instruct to examine. I have secured by survey the Ravine and all the water flowing through it now 50 inches Also Adjacend wood Land.

Respy. Yours

Jno W. Murray C. E.

Recorded in Book A
of Twin Rivers Mining Dist.
by J. A. Villard Recorder.

A.M.

Virginia Dec. 10th 1864.

Mr George Hearst.

My Dear Sir. In commencing I will say I hope you will be up here before this gets down to your city. I have been detained here much longer than I expected and if you can you will be here about the time we intended to take our trip up into Wy burgh and around Sonora. however we may get a favourable opportunity get to look at everything we desire.

I wish you was here everybody is in a flutter on stocks. They are dropping and everybody is looking with every eager-ness to see how bad he is hurt. I went down on yesterd-ay to look at our Creek Enterprise down six mile. I went down the Canion to the mouth and found it wa-sted as smooth as a flat iron there was not even a load of tailings in the whole gulch to the mouth. I proceeded along down on the flat expecting it to loose itself in the sand. but oh, how I was disap-pointed. I found the Creek runs at present a bold stream clear to the Carson River. There must have been a great amount of deposit before the late storm. but now there is almost none left. In fact one would have to begin anew and build a Reservoir as we spoke of. there is no lands claimed from the mouth of the canion to you get almost to the River. The Block work we saw leading off in the direction of Dayton. which we thought was a ditch fence. Is a graded Road. The sluices we saw on the side of the hill. near the mouth of the

Canion. and above the garden. Is a Hydraulice Claim where there is some five miners working very vigerous for Gold. Sent is still here and as buisey as a Bee in a Tar Barrel. I thinks he dreams of Senators at night and thinks of South Potosa by day. to say the leaste he is very buisey. I have got up a plan for his new Mill (48 Stamps) for the Savage Mine. he is very much pleased with it. I have gave the Mill speculation one or two cold douses, in speaking to Sent. I dont think much of Building Mills at this time Everything seems so uncertain. Nor am I quite Certain Sent has concluded to build one. Samcurtis. shewed me some very fine ore from the bottom of his Lower Stoft this morning. It is useliss for me to say any thing in regard to it you have already heard all about it. I was down at the Justice a day or two ago there is not much work done around the new shaft yet. not enough to see anything favourable to the mine. In fact I think it is a damn Humbug. The S. Potosa are fitting up the Smoot. but they get along very low. Both Parties are at work in the vein and in the same spot. both parties have got Fighting men. but both are very quiet and have very little to say to each other. the workmen Folk and chat and stand out of each others way and appear to be on good terms enough. a stranger could not tell which men belonged to the Bogazette or to the Potosa. The Thing must come to an End soon and some how. There is a great amount of bitterness felt in virginia against the Judge for giving such a desition. It is my impression it will be set aside by the court in a few days. It seems almost impossible to tell anything about the two claims or one as they really are. you could judge only from the few feet you could see in the breast. where the men are at work. In fact I thought the claim looked much better than it does. I was down in the Stoller yesterday morning. I was all through it. They are now 350. feet south or south west from their stoft. they are still driving down a fine wide breaste of 45. ft. of very fine pay ore there seems to be a split or division in the ledge the West side of the lead for 15 feet wide I think pays very little. the remainder is very good ore. The claim certainly looks very fine. I was down in the Cuny again but I see no change for the better. I am almost sure it must drop soon. The Pump in the central stoft still keeps at work. but it is to light ever to pump to do any good on such a deep stoft and the Engine is also to light to do the work. It is my opinion poor unfortunate optir will have to get a much better appliance before they ever prospect that ground. old Moscow still drags her weary length along. what a Humbug of a world this is.

I have got a good deal of information from a man by the name of Rowe. He once was the Superintendant of the California Claim. He says there is several Thousand Tons of good ore left in that mine. He tells where and all about it. In fact he is quite a man of sense and I am inclined

two fresh arrivals here from Salt Lake direct and I think that they are both on to it.
Billy I could write you from this until tomorrow morning & then not tell you all the news & of the improvements going on in this part of the Colorado River I do hope that you & may will not delay one single day longer in fixing up to come right out after you get this and I hope this may find you already to start out with a good outfit
Let me hear of your earliest convenience what you are going to do. I must now close as it is very cold and blowing like hell. and not a drop of the critter to quench thirst. I believe I have given you all of the most important items. By the by are you married yet.

Very truly
Your friend
W. G. Poindexter

W. R. Levick. Esqr
San Bernardino
California

P.S. With all the news
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Silver Creek
San Francisco Dist
Arizona Territory
Jan 14th 1865.

Dear Levick.

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In order to have no difficulty in making these re-locations I had to substitute names for both Billy Frank & Carlson. having two claims for me for which I substitute=ted my friends names in each lead they promising to deed back the ground to me. so you see that I own 400 feet in each the Rothchild Leviathan & Black Leads with you. When I get my deeds from those parties I will deed back all of this ground to you if you so desire it. I do hope that you will go to work & get your Deeds all right from those parties and come out you & May right off prepared to go to work taking out Ore & piling it up on

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Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.

the River bank Hardy will advance one hundred dollars for good ore delivered on the River bank. What better thing could any one want. I do hope that you and May will consider this thing wisely and come out right away prepared to go to work at this. For I tell you its the best thing & only thing in the country to make ready & quick money out of.
Come prepared with tools of every kind for the business and Provisions for at least for Months & even a longer time if possible. Sell out your Claim on Lightning Creek & every thing & come along bring a full set of Blacksmiths tools that is ~~Bla~~ Bellows Anvill tongs Hammers Powder Fuze &c &c –
Hardy has plenty of the above articles but they are very high & costly here.
I have relocated the 1st north East extension of the Leviathan. It was going to be jumped by others and I liked the ground & thought that I might as well have it as any body. I hope that this will not displease any of the original owners in this claim. Please send me by Chapman 2 dz blank mining deeds. please dont fail to do this as I need them very much.

A small two Horse or mule wagon would be very handy and very useful in these Copper Mines. Hauling wood and water So if you can bring one out you had better do so. There is 15 of the discharged Soldiers at work in the Iratuba District they are getting out good ore all of them All the leads as far as tested are very rich. Col Akin the assayer of the Phila Co says that the Iratuba is certainly very rich & that it bids fair to be the first and richest District on the Colorado river All the ore that I have seen from the Iratuba District is full of the red & Black Oxides of Copper Col Akin of the Phila Co Who is a practical assayer says that this is the richest kind of Copper ore. There is also two other kinds of very rich ore in the Iratuba Dist. Viz the Grey Sulphurets & the Green Carbonets
We had a Christmas Ball at Hardys to which women in attendance. There was Also a New years Ball given at the Fort and there was in attendance at this one 16 white women. What do you think of this dont you think that we are living on the Colorado like smoke from a hot ——— Tell May that there are

San Bernardino Febry 9/65.

Georg Hurst Esq!

Dear Sir!

Having now occasion to call on you for assistance is it I take the liberty to write you and ask you to extend to me a favour, which not alone will benefit myself but you also. Mr. Pointdexter has, from whom we received letter last week, relocated in Mr. Levicks my own and a 3d party's behalf, our 3 main leads in the Pralaba district, the Leviathan, Rotschild and Black Load so we now can controll them. He urges us in the strongest terms possible to make our outfit and proceed out there without delay in order to commence taking out ore and have it hauled to the river, teams for hauling the ore we can get there. Mr. Hardy will advance $100 pr ton for every ton of such ore as we can produce from

those leads delivered on the bank of the river, distance only 5 miles and good road, so you will perceive we can make a good thing without going to great expense.
I now propose to you Mr. Hurst to give you an equal share with myself in this business if you will furnish me an outfit consisting of: 5 Kegs powder & fuse, 2 bars 3/4 inch steel, 2 eight # sledge hammers, 6 picks, 6 shovels, 2 wheelbarrows, 1 pr: bellows & blacksmith tools, 600# flour, 2 boxes yeast powder, 150# bacon, 50# coffee, 100# sugar, 1/2 chest tea, pay the freight to San Bernardino and cash enough to pay for the hauling of this goods to the mines. If this my proposition should meet with your approval please write me immediately.

Yours very obedient servant

Charles Nagel

Please do not neglect answering me right away. —

San Bernardino March 2d 62

George Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir Your of Feb. 19th to hand was received yesterday I was very much surprised on reading your letter to learn that you had not received any letters from me. I do not recollect at present how many letters I have written to you about our mining matters, but I have wrote severely, and directed them as follows, George G. Hearst Esq. Pugs House San Francisco I thought it very strange of you not answering my letters, as I was very anxious to have something done with those leads in Stitebra Dist. I wrote to you about the matter, stating just how things stands, it is this way I made arrangements with Mr Poindexter on his way out to relocate three leads in the Stitebra Dist. which he has done, he sent the certificates of ownership to me and I now hold a deed from those parties, there is seven claims located they belong to myself

Mr. Mogo and Poindexter, there is no doubt but what the Leads are rich and what we want is means to work them. As regard the money that I receive from you I am still willing to give you the preference of having the controlling interest of those mines if you so desire it I will enclose Poindexter letter so that you can judge for yourself please answer by return mail and oblige

Yours
Respectfully
Wm. R. Lovick

P.S. We act together in this matter
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Dry Town May 23d 1865

George Hearst Esq

I wrote to you a few days since to send up $2,000 as it is needed here. I indeed draw on the Bank and have it forwarded by express but do not think it best to do so. I wish you would attend to the matter on receipt of this for to me it is unpleasant to have men waiting on their money And I have promised to pay for our lumber for the new Mill as soon as it is delivered and it will be here this week The Seaton Mine looks as well as I ever saw it

If we had a road made I think it would be well to commence doing something with the rock from the Legal. I have been trying to arrange to have one hundred tons crushed

Respectfully your Friend &c

W. H. Seaton

Hearst Cannot you come up here I have the refusal of the Oneida property and I

think it is the best property that I know of to make big money out of. It is a mountainous mine with splendid improvements and a very large large which pays from twelve to fifteen dollars per ton. On it is a 20 stamp steam mill and a chlorinating which cost all of $12,000. The Rebellion Mine a lode is now over five feet wide and prospects exceedingly well

Yours

G. W. Seaton

Clear Creek
Nov 26th 1865

Mr. J. Hirst

Dear Sir

I take this method of informing you and Mr. L. C. Clark, in regard to some claims we have located, and done the work necessary to hold them at the request of Mr Brown when near some three months approached you will find a list of claims and names of the companies the of the claims located by Mr Brown on our selves. Which we will inform you of the other four claims we located on Nusmans Hill where Mr Brown wished to take up a tunnel site. The ledges are from 2 to 6 feet wide, we worked on them until our money was spent and also employed a man expecting that Mr Brown would return as he promised but he has not done so. We contracted debts for labor and provisions to the amount of one hundred and fifty $150.00 dollars independent of our work

We done our selves. Including all expences - it will amount to four hundred dollars - we are in debt at the present to parties for labor - & provisions - one hundred dollars we must pay - immediatly by sending us five dollars - We will send the certificates of the claims - as soon - as we hear from you - if you think proper not to do so - please send us the deeds of the claims, as there is plenty of parties near at the present - who will take them and pay - expences - which we have incurred. We have run a tunnel in the west by chance 60 or 70 feet, an found soft similar to the original. on the upper extension we have run a cut about thirty 30 ft which Mr Brown will explain to you Knowing where the claims are situated be care you should send the deeds. Make them out in favor of - A. McGurick & J. R. Morgan. we request that Mr Clark & Brown - of yourself will not disapoint us in sending - Either money - or deeds by return mail -

& oblige yours &c

J. R. Morgan & McGurick

have kept a man there all of the time
and as I had talk with you first
I propose to let you have one half of my
entire intrest for the sum of one thou
=sand dollars not that I want to make
anything out of you if I thought they
were not good I would not make
the offer you can see Mr Blake
but dont tell him the propposition
we ar also going out there about
the 20 or 25 of this month I have agree
=d to go out with Mr Phelps the
President of the Southern Pacific
Rail Road Co and also Mr Flint
one of the Directors and if you can
get off and go with us you can
have the trade open until you
see the mines we also have
possession of the Picache Quick
Silver mines and have relocated
them we bought out the man
that had possession of them
to keep them from other parties

Gilroy Santa Clara Co
Cala Feb 6th 1866

Mr Geo Hearst Esq

as you ar not aware
how our Quick Silver Mining
Dist stands I will give you a
short history when I came back
from Rose River saw a party
who were anxious to take the
mines on East. Parrot was anxious
to have Sherman Day see them for
him he Parrot told me if Day sayd
they were good he would give me
us a good price for them and an
unassessable interest but I thought
I could do better with the other
party I called at your office seve
al times you was not in town I
then made a conditional trade
with Elmore at the corner of Cala St

I think we have the biggest thing in the way of Quick Silver mines there is in this State we can get pretty good ore on the croppings and in solid ledges and very large from a 100 to 300 feet wide a plenty of boulders with plenty of cinnabar. around the base of the chimneys and some of the chimneys half as large as Telegr=aph hill and much higher Mr Blake found cinnabar at six different places and on three ledg es please write me soon what you think of the proposition

Yours Respectfully
J. P. Sargent

P.S. Or you may have an equal interest in all we have except the ones sent East if you can find a party to develop them and give us an unassessable inte=rest (Answer) 2 P.S

Montgomery gave Power of Atty to sell the mines some five in number we to receive two hundred thousand dol and one fifth of the mines unapassable and they to have untill the first of March to make the sale I shall extend the time 2 or 3 months as they want to take them to England shall also reduce the price some if they cant get that Amt. they sent their own man to examine the mines and report, who was Mr Blake of the firm of Gooyear & Blake Mining Engineers Mongomery St his report was very favorable we found Cinnabar at four of the locations in good quantities we have some five locations more, no one has got yet the whole concern belongs to three of us the ledges are all reco=ded in the District and also on file in the County records at Monterey we have ben to considerable expense

Mokelumne Hill. May 2: 1866

Hon. George Hearst

Dear Sir

If you have leisure to again visit this section of Country. I think I can show you some Mines that would justify the trouble.

One in particular that I wish to call your attention to. It is located in the Edge of Amador Co. has been worked quite extensively with fair results while it was well managed but for three years past lain idle.

The Shafts on Old works have caved in. and it would be necessary to sink a new Shaft for purpose of testing the permanency of Vein. though there is a large amount of Rock above the old levels that can be made pay.

The Original works have been carried to a depth of one hundred and Ninety feet fine Vein in the bottom. but not so Rich as the Surface Rock had been. On the Mine there is a good light hoisting Engine. Twelve Horse Power. Boiler and everything in complete working order. There is also a Mill owned by the Company located on Mokelumne River. Half Mile from the Edge. Good Wheel and Constant Supply of Water.

The Water privelge being the best in the two Counties this property can be had very cheap if there is not too much Eagerness manifested on part of purchaser.

There is much in its favor it is on the main Amador belt. Everything on hand Requisite for carrying on the work. and there can be no doubt as to its Value. You may ask why its owners do not develope it. The only answer is they are engaged in other business in another part of the State always had difficulty with the Resident partners and on this account discontinued work on the Mine while it was more than paying Expenses.

As to myself and the cause that induced the writing of this. Is the hope that I might induce you or some party through you to take hold of the property and give me a superintendency this is the only benefit I expect to derive from sale of the property. As to Competency Character. &c I take leave to refer you to Hon. W H Leonard. ~~Hon~~ Hon. N G Lawer. Messrs Ivers & Steiger of the Vulcan Iron Works. also Hepburn. and Peterson at same place.

I would like to show you the above property as well as the numerous veins in the surrounding Country. The lead owned by Lamphier & co The one you proposed visiting on your arrival in Downs has been paying very large working with arrastras there are also several others being opened with in a few miles that give promise of success. In a word there is as good an opening for one who takes the interest that you do in these matters as there is in any part of the State.

If you can make it convenient to write in answer to this to that I may receive the letter by Sunday stage you will oblige. and should you conclude to come up for purposes mentioned if you state time that I may expect you I will make it a point to meet you at this place.

Very Respectfully Yours
James A Sullivan

Polley's Station May 9th 1866

Geo. Hurst Esq.
Sir

Haveing written you twice during the Winter relative to your interest in the Sherman Claims and the assessment due from you thereon, and not haveing received any answer from you as yet, I presume you do not desire to retain your interest, Therefore I send you a deed to acknowledge, in my favor, and have requested the Beaver Mr Brewer, to attend to the matter and pay all expenses of acknowledgement &c.

Your name was used by me in making the location of the Sherman Claims, at the request of a friend of yours, or I should not have put it on the notice; after useing it and perfecting your title to the ground, I certainly expected to be paid for my work, but it appears you think otherwise, and have treated my demands for the money with indifference, if nothing more: This does not suit me, and as I want the claim I will trouble you to affix your signature

to the enclosed deed.

I can make money out of the Sherman claims, if I can succeed in getting rid of a few bummers and deadheads I was unfortunate enough to put in the location, therefore I am sending all of them deeds to sign, so that I may dissolve all partnership interest with them.

Yours &c.
Chas. Dunn Jr.

DEED.

Geo. Hurst

TO

Chas. Dunn Jr.

Dated.....*186*

Recorded at request of

.....*A. D. 186*

at.....*min. past*.....*M.*

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MINING DEED—No. 1. Printed and sold by Wm. B. Cooke & Co., Importing and Jobbing Stationers, 624 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

This Indenture, Made the _____ day of _____

in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-six

BETWEEN Geo. Hurst of the County of San Francisco in the State of California of the first part and Chas. Dunn Jr. of the County of Nevada in the State aforesaid party

of the second part, WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid, by the said party of the second part, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has remised, released and quit-claimed, and by these presents does remise, release and quit-claim unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns forever, ALL

the following described property "to wit" the undivided interest of one hundred (100) feet of in and to the "Sherman Company's claims (so called) on the Mammoth Ledge lying and being situate in Meadow Lake Mining District in the County of Nevada and State of California and about one half a mile west of the Enterprise Co's Shaft and works between the North and South boundaries of The South Yuba River, and located by the said party of the first part and others.

TOGETHER with all the dips, spurs and angles, and also all the metals, ores, gold, and silver bearing quartz, rock and earth therein; and all the rights, privileges and franchises thereto incident, appendant and appurtenant, or therewith usually had and enjoyed; and, also, all and singular the tenements and hereditaments or appurtenances thereto belonging, and the rents, issues and profits thereof; and, also, all the estate, right, title, interest, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, of, in or to the premises, and every part and parcel thereof.

AND also all the estate, right, title, interest, property, possession, claim and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said party of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said party of the first part, has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

Seal

Centreville May 10th 1866

J. W. Rains

Dear Sir

At request of Mr Frary. I send you a Statement as to the Number feet in the Lawyer Ledge can be negotiated for in this place. Three Parties has 155 feet for which they ask 20$ per foot Payable in New York to Wells Fargo Co. I have aside from that 66 feet for which I gave a Conditional Deed to Leal Raymond as agent for George Hurst of San Francisco The Conditions of that Deed has not been complied with on Mr Hurst part Therefore I Consider the Deed null & void. and on return or Satisfactory arrangements being made in regard to that Deed, I will then do the Same with the 66 feet that I propose to do with the 155 feet. hoping to hear from you soon on this matter

I remain yours Respectfully

G. W. Shatcher

Newland	105 ft.
Peyton	20
Sullivan	45 —
Higley	54
Wright	50
"	175 —
Sullivan &	20 ft.
Boillaw	25 —
Bledsoe	37 1/2
Dean & Brady	50
Peyton	10
Dunsmore	25 —
Hydyke	59
"	130
	805 1/2 — 781 ft on Recorders to the arch
	781
	24 1/2 excess —

221
20
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Oshawa Ville May 14th 1866

O.P. Sutton Esq

Dear sir there is nothing of importance to communicate from this place at present the work is steadily progressing the rock is much easier to work at the bottom of the shaft now than it ever was before though it still is a mixture of granite and slate, the depth is now fourty four 44ft the water remains about the same, and consumes considerable time in keeping it out and if the company can arrange monney matters so as to work two shifts it is certainly advisable to do so will Mr Pearson be up soon they and send me some more funds this week

Yours respectfully

E Morsa

Supt'd O B Mco

in submitting this report I will state that there is one small bill not rendred but it will not exede seven dollars I will also state that I have the bills representing almost every item of expenditure to save time in this report as well as space I marked them as bills rendred

respectfully submitted

Ophir Hill May 8th 1866

C. Marsard supt

Ophir Boulder Mine

Report of expenditures on the

Ophir Boulder mine

from decemer 1st 1865 – to May 1st 1866

1st	Expences incurr by my selfe from San Francisco to Ophir	12	00
4th	to 47 lbs of rope at – 23 cts	9	43
	" 8 lbs of casteel sledge	5	00
	" axe & helve	2	00
	" 4 picks at 300	12	00
	" steel for making gads	1	00
	" barel for tools	1	00
	" two shovels at 125	2	50
	" lumber for shed platform &c	10	00
	" carriage on the same	2	50
	" nailes	1	50
	" 26 lbs of drill steel at 24 cts	6	25
	" blasting fuse	1	25
	" freight per railroad		50
18	" 1 sledge 16 lbs at 60 cts	9	60
	" 4 gads	2	50
		79	03

Jan 1st 1866	brot over	79	03
	1 sledge handle		25
	to 26½ lbs of drill steel at 23cts	6	10
	" half doz sledge handles	2	25
	" expressage on coin	1	00
15th	" To recording instrument of writeing in the records of Placer County at the request of R Sullivan for stamping acknowledging and expressage on the same	4	50
17th	to bill rendred by D C Hoxt	9	75
	to black smiths bills rendred	41	36
	cartage for per 25cts Mathes 50		75
	prospect pan	1	50
Feb 17th	expressage on coin	1	00
27th	expressage on box of ore	2	50
	cartage on the same		50
March 14th	expressage on Coin	1	00
	Mathes 62cts cartage paper 38	1	00
17th	33 lbs of drill steel at 23cts	7	59
		$160	08

		$	cts
March	Brot over	160.	08
	express envelopes	1	00
April 21st	to black smith bills rendred	62	75
May 1st	to bill rendred by D C Hoxt	30	14
	expressage on coin of Jan 13th overlooked	1	75
	expressage on coin March 24th	1	00
	to cay of powder 25 lbs	5	50
	100 ft of fuse	2	00
		264	22
	Tom Higins to 116 days labour at 250 per day	290	00
	King to 113 days labour at 250	282	50
	McKnight 4½ days at 250	11	25
	George Hill 3 days at 250	7	50
	Grant 2 days " 250	5	00
	C Robinson 5 days at 250	12	50
		608.	75
	Paid out on my own acount for board washing and other Necessary expenses	$156	00
	sum total	$1028.	97
	cash credited to Company act	900	00
	Balance due on May 1st	128.	97

Grass Valley May 30. 1866.

Mr Hurst

Dr Sir. We have again resumed work on the Fair View ledge. And as we have not as yet received any apesment money from you. I must again urge you to apist us, by paying your part of the expences. or if you do not want to spend any money on the mine I hope you will oblige me by sending me a deed for the ground & I will pay the apesment.

For the work alredy done & what we design doing at present will make your part of the expences about fifty dollars.

I hope Sir you will apist us in this matter without further delay as we are needing money very much to keep the work going.

Yours Respectfully

W M Williamson

Bear Valley June 2 1866

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir

I am requested by Mr Miller the President of the Lafayette Co to write you - and ascertain whether you received a letter from him written on the 11th inst - Please answer immediately -

Yours Respectfully

C D Darling

Secretary Lafayette Mining Co

Holcombe Valley
San Bernardino Co
June 10-1866

George Hearst Esq,

Dear Sir

you will recollect that I went to New York last Summer to sell a Mine I had in Arizona and succeeded in coming out with an Eastern Gentleman who I had sold to, while on my way to Arizona some months ago I brought him up to examine the property that I wish to draw your attention at present (this place is 40 miles from San Bernardino) the property here consists of Seven Leads belonging to Judge Walsh and Mr. Marshall of San Francisco which the had Leased for a term of years to the party who owned the Mills in the vicinity of the mines— Mr. Wade the Gentleman

more out of it than you are aware off Mr Marshall has the right to sell for Judge Walsh and will sell for $2000, but by all means get the refusal for a short time if you do not want to pay the Money—

I also wish you wood Buy the right to redeem the Green Leade and mills from the same parties it is going to be sold by the Sheriff and will be bought by Mr. Wade for a trifle it is good property it will be sold on the 28- of this month if you act you have to act very promty if you do what I tell you now you can make at least $10,000

Respectfully
Richard Garvey

I speak about is a very heavy appealer and has bought the Mill and Lease to the Mines and has went to considerable expence but only to get the Concern in shape to sell in the East; which he can not do without Buying of Marshall or Judge Walsh and he is bound to have them at any price and he has got the Monney to Buy he has now spent $20,000 which is of no use if he can not get the Mines I speak about. the are very good Mines but he only wants them as an investment to speculate with and as he is obligeed to pay a royelty of 20 per cent from the proceeds of the Mines he is anxious to Buy and is going to San Francisco for that purpose in less than 10 days from this time now Mr Ocast I do not want you to treat this lightly but go to Mr Marshall he lives in Oakland and get the refusal of the Mines for 30 or 60 days and you will make

Pioneer City T.T.
Decbr 2nd 1866

George Hart Esqr
San Francisco

Dr Sir:

Allow me to Introduce to You the bearer of this Letter Mr. John M. Cannady, a Resident and Merchant of this place who propose remaining in Your City for Several Months, and probably can give You more information in regard to the Mineral Recources of this Country than any one else. having been a long resident of the Territory, and more especialey of the Quartz Ledges which You were Prospecting Whilst at this place, Viz: the Big Muddy, and its Extentions, Knowing You will recive more information from Mr Cannady, in regard to the Object You desire, than I could write to You. I Remain Yours Most

Respectfully
G B Britton

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Millerton Feb 7th 1867

Dear friend

I was sued by Ira McCray for the amount of Lieut Batt. and all my property everything in my name was attached managed by ~~[illegible]~~ McCray a bond for a deed of all my ground to stop the thing and save expenses. The lawyers & sheriffs charges amounting to $48.75 with the draft McCray $48.75 he has given me sixty days to settle this amount, he has acted like a gentleman in the arrangement. you must admit that he has been humbugged badly and had good cause to push things

Now it looks strange to me that I was not posted on the different moves of the Co. and not informed of the intention to show the draft back on me I really do not think the Co. have acted right by me knowing as they do my situation in regard to Co's debts. I expect the Chinaman stores men who held Ah Tang & Chung's accounts will try to collect from me the amount due them for labor

I wish you to write me as soon as possible about the intentions

of parties below with regard to the settlement of affairs if I know their intentions I could act myself accordingly, hoping that everything will eventually be settled satisfactory

I remain Yours Truly

John Moore

P.S. it is now over thirty days since I heard from you or anyone from L.F.

Moore

George. I write this only for yourself & do not wish it to be read by any of the other members of the Co. the Statements made by me in this are Plain Statements of the facts

Yours.

J Wm

Cortez Mining Dist. June 13th 1867

George Hearst Esq

Dr Sir

Agreeable to your request and my promise to you I visited the Mt Tunabo Mine yesterday in company with Mr Palmer their Superintendant. He has now Two shafts sunk on the Mine. These shafts are about 45 feet deep below the level of the base of the Pay cropping which you will remember showed on the right Hand side of the ravine going up. These shafts are 40 feet apart lengthwise of the Pay Streak or vein which here runs nearly East & West. The shafts did not have pay Ore in them all the way down but did have Pay Rock in them all the way down at intervals — the shafts are now connected together at the bottom by a Tunnel and the same Tunnel is extended westerly on the vein from the West Shaft a distance of 90 feet and Easterly from the East Shaft about 12 feet making the entire length of the Tunnel including the width of the Shafts some 142 feet in length but this Tunnel is not as I supposed in pay ore all the way. The ore seems to lie in spots and is not connected by a continuous chain of Ore but seems to come up

in the Tunnel in spurs & Bunches some places the ledge shows a very well defined casing containing yellow clay sometimes spurs of pay rock come down from the top without continuing all the way acrop the tunnel or the full height of the Tunnel. the vein where it does show stands very Perpendicular. and as the Ledge now appears in the whole length of this Tunnel, Ore that will pay for working cannot be got in sufficient quantity to run the Mill The largest body of Ore in the Mine being that part of the Mine lieing between the two shafts & the vein is much smaller in that body at the depth of the Shaft than it is on the first level on the Top. At the west end of the Tunnel which connects the bottom of the shafts there is very good pay Rock about 20 inches thick this streak is much better in the top of the Tunnel than at the bottom. & so far as I can see the Pay is very irregular so far as they have gone. and so far as a body of Ore is concerned on which they can depend to keep their Mill running that will pay expenses. to be candid about it they have not as yet got it. If I owned the Mine I would sink on it Still deeper everything so far looks as though these spots of Pay are were more spurs or offshoots from the main Pay Strata and all indications would naturaly lead a person to believe that there was a large Pay Strata of ore near by somewhere but at present it does not appear in sight & I must say that I was not as favourably impressed with the Mine after visiting it as I was before from the reports I had heard while in San Francisco. I am very sorry I can not give you a more flattering account than I have but these are my honest views and convictions. And from what I could learn of the feelings of the company below I fear that unless they strike something different in the Mine from what they now have they will again meet with disapointment in their operations this Summer. They some of them think they have allready opened up good Ore sufficient to keep the Mill running but I am very sorry to have to say that I do not see it yet. But still I fully believe that a Good and substantial Ledge will yet present itself in that claim. The walls & casing are coming in more regular & better defined down in the lower Tunnel than they were on the Top and Bunches of very Rich Ore makes its appearance at intervals between the walls. the Greater Portion of the Ore allready out is allready packed to the Mill which unless more force is put on to get in readiness will not be ready to Start before the 4th of July but will be in very good shape to work the Ore when ready — Hoping I may hear from you occasionaly I am very Truly Yours. Simeon S Newbaw

I think myself qualified to make something. If I would tell all about my business ~~at~~ they would soon give me the slip.

Please pay my respects to Mrs. McDonald and Hemme and remember

Yours
truly
Charles Liebenau

Ore, Flint District June 15th 1867.

Mr. Hearst,

Dear Sir,

Having received your favor of 1th of June yesterday I am glad to hear your satisfaction about this country and ansious to see you here. I am highly pleased with your opinion on my ability especially as I will be able to show you that I am not only right on the general principles but am also fully posted in minute details; which you will see when I describe you my opinion about working these ores by my processes and the appliance of my close calculations in practice when you are here.

Please keep in mind that I must accomodate myself to my circumstances which combined with that small capital to go on in mining are closely limited. But I went into that business with the security of giving satisfaction to Mr. McDonald who had confidence in my abilities and because I am a young man who is ansious to establish himself a reputation unquestionable necessary to greater mining enterprises. I think and assert that I am on the right track.

In my plan of working I am especially led by the presence of ore much of which goes over one and two thousand Dollars per ton when taken out of the mine. My concentrating work is a combination based on good experienced principles with new inventions assured by my observations in practice.
I crush the ore coarse leading the crushed ore in boxes of ▽ that shape (front view) and ⌣ that end view discharging the classified ore on the bottom continuously. This classified ore comes on tables of different inclination with different quantities of water and according to the size of the ore and is worked within ten percent into a concentrated mass of sulphurets going 3 to 4000 $ a ton and more. These 10% are not at all lost as you may reckon; this is caught in vats better constructed as these I found here in the mills. This settiment will go probably not over 100 $ a ton and it is my idea to work that by freiberg barrel amalgamation. On an example I will show you the correctness of my calculations. Be assured that I considered the properties of Ruby Silver also, but could find no fault in my operations.
The concentrated sulphurets are well adapted for smelting (Roasting and Reducing Smelting into base bars going 10-12000 $ silver and gold per ton).

I take for instance 5 tons of 1000 $ rock = 5000 $ for work. In the concentrated Sulphurets I find ~~o~~ure 90%. The residues of 10% I have in vats and I can work it within 15% by amalgamation process. It is a notated fact experienced in the best amalgamating work of the world that ores going over 200 $ a ton cannot be worked by any metallurgist within 15%. The richer the ores the more imperfect is (exactly) that amalgamating process. If I am not quite plain to you please keep my ideas to yourself until I can talk to you and convince you by my results in practice. In a letter I cannot explain my ideas fully.
What some men say up here that I could not smelt silver ores with out lead is a false idea. A metallurgist would be in a bad fix if he wanted always lead ores to smelt silver ores. If he cannot help himself in another way as I do I would not give him that name but call him bilks.
In regard to miners and prospectors here you can be sure that they dont learn anything from me; I did not come after 6 years studying and practicing my business out here in this country to tell Tom, Dick and Harry all about it. I spent much money to obtain my skill and knowledge and now

Silver City – Owyhee T.
Aug 18th 1887

Friend Hurst –

I arrived here this Evening all safe with a whole scalp, but feel very much fatigued from riding all Night last Night – and all Day.

I have saw Wickersham and had a talk with him in regards to his indebtedness and what he will take over and above. He says he will take the difference between thirty two thousand and what he owes whatever that may be, and that the other half of the mine can be had for five thousand dollars and that you can settle with the creditors by mortgage or any other way that you may agree upon, and perhaps you can make a better trade than that, by seeing him yourself Wickersham is going to write you himself so you can compare notes if he does. I saw Curtis last night – on Boise City he says the creditors will take a mortgage on the mine from you, if you buy it, giving you six months time on their part, now if you will buy my instinct within thirty days you can have it – at twelve thousand dollars, or twenty thousand for mine and Wilson's making one half of the whole

I have just saw Wilson ~~at~~ line writing and he says that it will take eight thousand Dollars for him to free himself of Debt but when you come here you can soon come to some conclusion what you will do at so I will close wishing you good luck and good health, I leave here in the morning for Cromill, hoping to hear from you soon

I am Yours Respectfully
J Martin

stand unclaimed. The 1/6 to wit 179 stands in the name of John W Wilson. Over which there is a judgment of 3,700 in currency in favor of LeRoy & Moore. Wilson, holds this 1/6 subject to the mortgage of $3,700, and wants $4,000 over and above the said incumbrance of $3,700. Making the valuation or, the demand for the 1/6 - $7,000. The other 1/3 - embracing 356 1/3 and the 28 2/3 ft held and under the control of Martin, can be obtained at less than $15,000. This makes for the entire Mine $49,000 but of these figures. And the changes that can be made in amounts and manner of payments. I have some important suggestions to make, when I can do so in person to you. I saw Mr Martin, this morning and was in conversation with him for two hours previous to his starting to Owyhee in the stage at 4 o'clock

I suppose you have concluded to go to Alturas County. And as I am pleased to learn in company with Col Paxton. The Col, is a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, and is the confidential Attorney of the Owyhee Co, of which Mr Walbridge is Supt.

Hoping these few facts, may serve your interest, and throw some light on matters, you may deem worthy of attention and wishing you a safe & pleasant trip and safe return

I remain very truly yours in all duty E. B. Curtis.

Boise City - I. T.
Augt 18th 1867.

George Ainslie Esqr.

Dear George: I am under the impression that you might feel an interest in knowing some things which occurred in Owyhee since your departure from there. And which perhaps you might wish to know before your return there on your way to San Francisco. McDonald left for Cal, on the third day after you left for Placerville, No particular point was reached by him in the "Leviathan" matter, except that Mr Lubneans friend Indell, — a few announced the fact that, Lubneau, could only pay 10 cts on the dolls, for the labor, services &c. &c. of those who rendered him, goods, services, or who performed labor in and about the working of the Mine & the Milling and reduction of the Ore from the "Leviathan". I think the feeling of bitterness toward Lubneau, however has modified within the last few days. And that the creditors, and owners of the Mine have reconciled themselves to things as they are. So the matter stands at present. The

In regard to the "Rising" Star, the following are the only points which have developed themselves, since McDonald left. Mr Lewis, of the firm of Sellers, Hankinson & Co, of Portland, Oregon - representing their own claim, and the claim of the other creditors of McKinsham in Portland - (which embraces all or nearly all of the indebtedness against him,) made this proposition to McKinsham - That if he McKinsham, would make them a deed to the undivided one half of the Mine; to wit: 538½ ft - to them or to any person they should designate - they would give him $3,000, as a bonus - and cancel the debts due and demands against him - They consulted me about it, and I advised them to obtain a correct and full statement of his indebtedness - This he rendered - which amount to $23,000 - or $24,000, together with the Bonus of $3,000, making 26,000, or $27,000, for the undivided one half of the Mine - I advised this course, so as to enable Mr McKinsham to make a good and sufficient conveyance of the property, to the purchaser, and to prevent a sale of the Mine being set aside, by any unsatisfied creditor, under the National Bankrupt Act of last Congress. After Mr McKinsham, accepted the proposition - Mr Lewis, came to me and offered, to have the one half of the Mine conveyed to me by deed - After which, I was to give to the creditors a Mortgage - specifying the amount to each, and the whole amount not to exceed $27,000, including the Bonus - $24,000, to be the amount of the Mortgage - at 1 per cent per month - payable, principal & interest at the end of six months (6) to wit on or before the first day of March 1868 - I accepted the proposition - and Mr Lewis, left for Portland - to lay the matter before the creditors - and will return by the 1st of September - McKinsham, will have, over and above all his debts, some 6,000, or 8,000 dols, in real Estate, which he obtained as he did the Mine, to satisfy the original debt of Moore & Fagan to him of 18,000, or 20,000 dols:

McKinsham, if he don't make a sale of the one half of the Mine, before Mr Lewis, returns from Portland, which will pay off all the debts and leave a larger sum in his favor than the $3,000, Bonus - were coming under his proposition -

By this arrangement, 538½ ft of the Mine, were

Mc adams Creek Septt 17/69

Mr Pool

Dear Sir

I Recieved your Letter of the 16 and am Sorry to hear that you can not meat the Payment on that Date you Note is due on the 20 of this month and i wold like to have it Verry much as i have made ~~my~~ ingagements that will imbarrip me Verry much as to Extending the time i cannot Do it unlep you Give me the Co mate with intrest at ~~the~~ rate of two per Cent per month from the 23rd of July with approved Security

S Happer

Warrens Higgins Jr.
Nov. 9th 67

Mr Hurst,

Dear Sir –

Some weeks since I had the pleasure of perusing a letter addressed to Maj Sanderson in which you expressed a wish that I should write you in case I did not come to Frisco this winter – Consequently not finding it convenient to spend my winter in said place I will do what I can with the pen

I must confess I was greatly disappointed in not seeing you up here this season or even hearing from you direct as I had reason to hope I should for I addressed a letter to you directly after the arrival of the Maj at Lewiston and not receiving any answer – we came to the conclusion that you were deferring to ans, it until you could do it orally – time rolled on and and representation on the Eureka became necessary and in the absence of yourself or any instructions it was quite a query what should be done in regard to those claims for I knew that there were parties who would improve the first opportunity of jumping them – finally I hit on the plan of having them represented in the names of some of my select friends and have

no apprehension whatever but if you still entertain the idea of opening those Claims and doing as you proposed — these same parties I located for will relinquish their right or claim to them

The C. are very anxious that you should take hold of these Claims as you proposed — that is if you entertain as exalted opinion of the rock as you formerly did and they on their part will give you all the inducement they can

We sunk down some eight feet to ascertain the dip of the ledge preparatory to surveying it and found the ledge retained its width as we got down — that is about four or four and a half ft — We then sunk in two different places further down the hill and have no doubt but would have found the ledge in these two last named places but springs of water breaking in compelled us to abandon them for the present — we however found rich rock in both places

During the past season quite a number of new leads have ben found — among the list is the Alder, Pioneer, Scott, Eldorado, Mountain Monarch, Camanche, and Black Hawk — these are reputed rich and justly so I think

You no doubt remember something respecting the croppings of rich copper rock that was found in the vicinity of Snake River — the ledge has since ben found and proves to be a large one — during the winter I will try and send you a sample of the rock as taken out of the ledge

Since you were here our camp has undergone quite a change in many respects — two five stamp Quartz Mills are now under construction and others are contemplated the coming season — One of these Mills will be in operation the coming week and the other it is confidentially believed will be in operation by the first of Jany. next — hence you see our camp has alreadⁿ acquired new life and tone

To all appearances Winter has fairly set in we now have ten inches of snow on the ground and placer mining is suspended for the present — but quite a no. will remain during the winter designing to open their Quartz Claims — I for my part will leave for Lewiston tomorrow and would be much pleased to hear from you during the winter and shall at anytime respond with pleasure to any information you may require and that I can give you in regard to the upper country

Yours Truly
C. E. Faunce

N.B. address me at Lewiston

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Grass Valley Jany 19/68

George Mecant Esqr

WILLIS
JAN 21 1868
W.M. Secretary.

Dear Sir

I find since I came here that the Jim Mine has been incorporated & that the debts are being paid in stock. You have a note I think against the Co signed by Dave Hunt Esqr for $1000. Why not put that note in & take it in stock, unless you can collect from Stofoll their pro rata of the amt.

My time for services has not been credited on the books, nor the money for which you paid me for services I think I can put in an a/c for services rend. for 6 mo & draw the stock in my name if you think it advisable

I sent a statement of the time &

the amt drawn by me for services to Crittenden as soon as he took possession of the books. Also a statement of all money disbursed by me, but he did not make the entries.
I have the statement now which he returned since I came up here at my request.

We will commence crushing the Dromedary rock tomorrow morning. The rock comming out of the mine looks well and everything is getting along as well as possible in that line. We have plenty of snow still on the ground, which keeps the roads in a miserable state

My wife writes me that she has made an application to the City board of education for a school

As our friend Dick Hammond is Pres^t of the board, if you could put in a word for her to him & any others of the board, it might have a beneficial effect in getting a good paying position, which you can understand is the principal object Anything you may do to farther that object will be appreciated

Write me & let me know what is going on - that dont get in the papers

Ass as regards taking stock in the Min, if it can be had

Respt^ly Your friend &c
Anvil Jones

Cornelius Sandlam
Broadway Camp

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any quantity you wants
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San Francisco Cal
April 3rd 1868

John Dun Esqr
Columbus Ohio
Dear Sir
On or before the first
day of June next pay to Order of George Grant
of San Francisco Cal. Seven hundred dollars
($700) in U.S. gold coin, for value received
with interest at rate of one per cent per month
& charge the same to account of
Yours Respt ly
Amil James

Orphee City - Feb 15 1868

Friend Hearst -

I received your letter yesterday of Jan 31. & am very much surprised to hear that you have not got any interest in the Rising Star to amount to any thing now George I will let you all about my transactions with Lent & what he told me in regard to your interest in it as you may not fully understand my position in the matter I was not satisfied the way Lent treated me I supposed you & him was the same as one that was my reason for taking what I could get & paying nothing about it. When I went down from here to San Francisco Lent told me that he had one 6 for me & that he got from Roberts as Roberts was to have one 3 of the mine. He also told me that Hydenfelt & a man by the name of Fay had one third & that he thought they might be bought out by giving them a profit which he proposed to me to do that you & him take half & I the other which I agreed to he went & saw Hydenfelt or at least told me so & the least they would take was 15,000

I would like very much to gain to one operation & go all the way through it without any one saying they had been bilked I sent Lent about 600 pounds of rock out of the bottom of the shaft of the Rising Star it is fine now George I want you to write me on receipt of this any thing I get before I hear from you or after you can have as much or as little as you want of it to Hydenfelt & Fay will not make a profit out of you either.

Hoping every thing will come out alright

I remain your friend

O. P. Sanford

bonus on
what it cost them. & as Mackay had told me when I left to get as large interest as possible I took one half of it Lent the other as I supposed from Hydenfelt & Fay each of us paying 7500 advance that gave me & Mackay one third you & Lent one half Roberts one 6th I afterwards found out that I paid the 7500 to Lent that Mr Hydenfelt & Fay was not known in the thing at all I made up my mind that Lent had put the thing up on me & that you was in with him & to tell you the truth I did not feel very friendly towards either of you when I left I would not of cared so much if it had been my own money as I did want Mackay to know that I had been fleed for a sucker & up to the present he doesnot know. now George I have given you the whole thing just as it was you say in your letter that you blame me I acknowledge that I am to blame but being such a Dam fool I never gain to anything without getting bilked & I think if you have let Lent or any one else bilk you out of a good interest in the Rising Star I think you are as much to blame as I am & as big a Dam fool. now George I am going to get hold of the best things I can here get them bonded if possible I will get the Hobart south of Rising Star I think more of it than when I was here before I can tell better what to do in two weeks from now as I will cut the lead in the Rising Star 20 feet below the bottom of the old shaft if it is good we can make plenty of money out side Rising Star proper I donot think it best to bother much with Silver City at present out side of the Fagus mine the balance are not looking as well as when you was here & as for the Lincoln Mill we cant get that. I like the mines in this camp much the best I have put two men to work on the Excelsior to grade to sink a shaft near the upper cut above John Bais shaft now I want you to write me what to do as you know it was understood that it was in the other as when I left but I will say nothing about it & keep it seperate untill I hear from you now George I want you to write me & tell me your idear of things here I will be here & as well posted as any one in the camp. & John Baird will do any thing that is reasonable for us he is the only one here that I put much confidence in I am willing to join with you & you can fix it to suit you selfs if the camp turns out well we can make as much as any of them

Dayton Feby 18th 1868

Geo. Hearst Esq.
Sacramento

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Papers of Suit entered against Loyal Property for Taxes.

Yours Respectfully

R. Howard.

Dayton Feby 18th 1868

Gen. Pease Esq.
Sacramento

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Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Papers of Suit entered against Legal Property for Taxes.

Yours Respectfully

R. Howard.

Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.

Metropolitan Hotel
New York March 21/68

Dr Genge

Dr Rains goes out to day for the purpose of getting the titles to the Lawyer mine verified by the proper parties - He will give you all particulars - I trust you will respond him all in your power - He is a very suitable person to carry out what he has undertaken - He is very intelligent has a large circle of friends and possesses integrity and industry - Mr Lent appears to have thought him not the proper person to carry out the project - but had he not neglected him & have forwarded the papers duly he would have succeeded long ago -

Mining Schemes here are hardly looked at - I will write you again soon

Yours truly
H H Raymond

Virginia, Nev. May 14th, 1868.

George Hearst Esq.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I return to you your Order in favor of J. S. Gardner which was presented to day & paid - as per his indorsement. —

Yours truly.

W. W. Lowell

you will see what
can be done and
come out here or
send parties to
examine the property
as soon as possible
I want $5 Thousand
dollars to open the
mines with
answer as soon
as you can
yours Truly
Joseph Moltan
to H. B. Bradford

Hot Creek
Aug the 8th 1868
Hon. H B Bradford
Dear Sir
your letter of the
12th of July came to
hand in due time &
found me well
things are looking
well in the way of
mining out here at this
place and I concluded
to write you this letter
in order to keep you
posted up in regard to
my enterprise out here
I am working on
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mines with
answer as soon
as you can
yours Truly
Joseph Mathews
to H. B. Bradford

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well in the way of
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my enterprise out here
I am working on
two of my mines and
hauling the ore to
a little a distance

of thirty five miles
and haveing it
worked. the ore
that I am haveing
worked is paying
me over $100. per
ton. Mr Jermiah
Miller visited
these mines last
week and offers to
put up a good 20 Stamp
Mill on the mines
for an interest in
them. Mr Miller
represents an Eastern
Co out here and they
own a fine Mill
out here in Reese
River that they are
willing to put up on
a good mining property
and he says this
property of mine
Suits him.
I informed Mr Miller
of the proposition
that I had made to
you and that I was
not willing to make
any new arrangements
until I could hear
from you as I would
prefer a Sanfranciscos
Co to an eastern Co
he told me to tell
you that he would
go in with any good
Company on this
property and put up
or furnish a mill
to the Co and take
an interest in the
Co with them for
the Mill

Chalk Bluff August 22d 1868

Geo Hearst President &c
N C B & G Co

Dear Sir

Mr Butler and Myself have returned to day from the Deer Creek where we have been at work upon the Wright Claim, the same as leased from your Co, for the past week, we find little or no Expense required for immediate Opperations at this Claim Otherways than our clearing of the ground placing of our flumes &c &c The Lumber for which I find by calling on Mr Voss must be Ordered within the next Two weeks Owing to his being obliged to move down and move his mill to a new location some distance from the present site, and will not be able to furnish Lumber on bills after that date

On arriving at this place and inquiring

of Mr Stranahan learn that there has been no more made by the Co in relation to the construction of a ditch for the supply of water this being the cause I have delayed my further working or Order for material untill there is a certainty of that of all things most needful article We have found by prospecting this claim the past week by means of the Rocker process and packing the gravel some distance to water, that very good wedge can be made the gravel paying from the grass roots to the bead rock distance some thirty feet about four feet from the top down we find large prospect in coarse gold nearly equal to the prospect on the bead rock But our object in buying this property was not to work it with the Rocker under this packing process. But by the Hydraulic power water to be furnished by the Yuba Co through the influence of the N C B Co will your Co be so kind as to inform us at as early date as consistent whether we can expect and receive water this coming fall or not if can we wish to put in our Order for material at once as this is the immediate stress of operations If not we wish to be at no further expense than necessary

Yours Very Respectly

Farnham & Butler

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San Francisco October 15th 1868.

L. Vizard Esq

Dear Sir

The letter shown you this morning is written by Robert McDitt of Battle Mountain District, Humboldt Co., to Jas J. McLean who is at present in Sonora Cal. His claim is called the Little Giant. They hauled a lot of ore to the Golconda Mill which worked $188.00 per Ton. The second lot of 22 Tons worked at same Mill went to $260.00 per ton. He says that he has $6000.00 worth of Ore in sight. As to the location of the Mine, Mr McDitt writes under date of Septr 25th,

"The rails are laid and the "Cars are running about 10 Miles beyond Winnemucca "and the road is graded about 20 Miles beyond "here. The Cars will be running to this Point "within 30 days (from Sept 25.) Crocker says for us "to appoint a Committee to select a location for a "depot, and he will put in a switch for our benefit."

They are very anxious to get a Mill and say that the Theta Mill can be moved there by R. Road within 30 days; probably it could be done so

even now.
I have no doubt that very favorable terms could be made with them.
As we are at present situated, none of the owners in Shoka Mill or Mine wish to advance money to work the Mine; consequently the Mill is of no use and subjects us to the expense of a watchman and taxes, say about $100 or $500 per year.

I have no doubt but that by the time you arrive at Winnemucca (or the Southern terminus of the passenger train) that you would be able to reach, at least the vicinity of Battle Mountain Dist., by a construction train.

Respectfully Yours
Isaac Morrison

P.S.
The Owners of Shoka Mill & Mine have have recently incorporated under the laws of the State of California, as the Star Creek Mining Co. Capital Stock $500,000.00 in 5000 Shares of $100.00 ea. 4000 Shares to be issued and 1000 to be held in reserve to be used as the Trustees may see fit.
Mill and Mine free from all law suits. Squatters settled with. ~~and~~

19 Broad St. N.Y.
Dec 7th 68

Geo Burse Esq
Dear Sir
I sent per Wells Fargo Ex to you on Dec first - a package of sample ores from the Rising Star Mine in Idaho. I shipped a quantity of that ore from Idaho to N.Y. I have been testing it - by the different - processes of working silver ores. I find it - very Rebellious and difficult - to treat - by Amalgamation. the samples I sent you I have tested by dry concentration. I find a far better result - than

I had reason to anticipate
I have been working a Lead
mine in Mass. the ore
being about 10 per ct. lead defined
through the quarts. I am able
to take out by the dry concen=
=trator 90 prct of all that is con=
=tained in it. and am able to
work 20 tons per day with one
chrusher 2 concentrators and
a twelve horse power and Engine
the cost of the above Ma=
=chinery here is (5000$) five
Thousand dollars. Package
no 1 will show you the Simpl=
that I chrush the ore. and
prepare it for the concentrator
this machine is simple &
durable and does the work better
than any concentrator I have
Ever seen. and in my judgement
will revolutionize the working
and dressing of certain class ores)

I have tried it and find it to
work well on the Rising Stam=
ores. Sample No 1 shows the ore
as it is crushed with all metals
in No 2 is the tailings from the
machine. No 3 is the concentrated
portion of the ore. I sent you
also a small sample of the
ore unchrushed that you may
see that it is the rising Sun
ore. I am confident that I
have taken out 80 percent of
all that was contained in
the ore. this you can deter=
=mine by assaying No=1 & 2 you
can also determine how rich
per ton the concentrated portion
is. I think it is about 5000$
ore) I have not got my diffe=
=rent assays on the subject
yet it will cost in Idaho
about (3$) per ton of the crude
ore to dress it as you see it for sam=
=ples

St James Mo
Dec 8/68

Geo Hearst Esqr

Dear Sir

I was sorry I did not get to see Mrs Hearst before she left this country. I made out by hard exertion to pay the $1000. in Gold Backs but it was impossible to pay at the time the $200. in Gold. I hope you will be satisfied with what I have paid her for the present, when I tell you that I just had $3. left when I got back here ~~of~~ a few days after she left. The fact of it is I never was in such a straight in my life. I really dont know what to do. I have been trying to get up a furnace business here at

mouth of the Costou, which is the best location for a furnace I ever saw & there is now a 100 pr ct to be made by making iron but as times in this country have close down tight it is hard to get capital at present. I have bought the ore bank from the family & as the bank is all the Capital I have to put in I cant go any farther at present. It has cost me during this trip a great deal more than I had any idea & as everything is going out & abt nothing coming in it is devish hard to get strengthened up. I have nothing to do here & am as I have been ready to do anything or go anywhere to be doing I could sell my interest here but at nothing like what it is worth. This iron business will be in a year or two a good thing. As soon as they get a connection by RR through the City of St Louis to the River, so that the ore can be taken directly to the Boats. The Iron Mountain have a bigger thing now than there is in California in the sales of their ore. It sets them $2½ in the ground pr ton. There is now a RR getting up from this place to Balesville Ark by way of Salem in Dent Co Mo, which if built will go by a bank of ore of ours – 20 miles South of this – which is as good a thing as the Iron Mountain. The income now from the sales of iron ore at the mountain is $1.200. pr day & they could

sell five times the amt if they transportation on the RR which they are now getting up
There are a number of large ore banks south of this on line of this projected RR which can be secured for nominly very little & which I want to try & secure an int, if I can get hold of any money outside of what it costs me to be here & my family in California
The price asked for the Iron Mountn is $5.000.000 — The sale of iron ore is tremendous, & it is a thing that is done without any effort At the same time I dont know that I can get started in it as some capital is required.
As it is I would just as leave go back to California as any place if I had something to pay expenses. These iron banks wont spoil by keeping. We have an ore bank 1½ miles from this place & are selling ore to the Mosselle Co for $1½ pr ton in the ground they dig it & haul it to the RR & take it to Mosselle station & haul it one mile to the furnace & there mix it with their ore & in that way are enabled to make good iron
As we cant get through St Louis by rail Mosselle is now the only customer we have. They are now taking out a contract of 6000 tons & are about finishing. The original cost of the bank was $100.
Write me & let me know what you are doing I hear

you had been to Idaho I thought certain you would follow your little woman to this country. I am very sorry you did not come on —
What have you done with that Star mine. Have you got any div's from it yet or have you become disgusted & sold out. How does our friend Lent prosper. Remember me to him. If there is any money to be made in Idaho or Cal I would like to go out again If you see any of my family tell them I am well
How is real estate since the earth quakes. I expect about that time was a good time for speculation. My regards to Judge Hydenfeldt as I consider him one of my friends. Yours truly
Amil James

THOS. McDONALD,
A. L. SIMONDI.

McDonald & Co., Assayers,

Silver City, T. T. December 11 1868

George Hearst Esq.
Dear Sir

I see by the papers that the Golden Chariot mine is incorporated and that you are one of the Directors. I should be very glad to get the assaying for the Company and would be very much obliged to you if you would procure it for me. I do not think Mr. Beachy would object to it, and I believe I can give as much satisfaction as any one else.

Several large ledges have been struck at South Mountain within the last week or two. Argentiferous Galena with Silver to the ton from $100 to $200. I have assayed several samples and am located in two of the claims. There is plenty of wood for smelting and I think not too far from the Railroad to be profitable.

The Ida Elmore Mill is pounding away on very rich rock and I think they will be able to keep her going continually from now on.

Sincerely yours
Thos. McDonald

Skytown Dec 25th 68

Friend Hearst

In accordance with your request I went to Quartz Mountain, examined the place and prospected the Rock, could not find much free Gold, but by burning the Rock it shows Gold and Silver, I think it contains more Silver than Gold, and if worked for Silver could be made profitable, the Lode is from five to fifteen feet thick, it will average ten feet, the pay Rock is about four feet thick, the claim is 1200 feet long & about 600 feet wide and all of it contains Rock, the Ledge covers the whole Hill side for the length of the claim and in a Gulch at the foot of the Hill it then forms a regular Ledge and goes down nearly perpendicular.

I wish you would come and see it

as it is a hard matter to describe it properly, it will suit you better than any other party, your Water Ditch runs along side of it, and will furnish free water six months of the year, getting Rock out of the mine will not cost over one dollar per ton, the location is very convenient

I think you will like it when you see it, the owners are good men and want to sell, you have not seen any of owners, they are all here, the man ~~you~~ whom you speak is on the mate, you come here and do business with the parties, themselves, I think the most of the Rock will pay from 5 to 7 Dollars per Ton,

be sure and come

Yours &c E Gallatin

THOS. EWING & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Dealers in
GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

SILVER CITY, N. T. Dec 24 1868

Geo. Hurst

Dear Friend Jones
of 17th at hand. I am in
hopes you have made a
sucep of this Polosii by this
time. I am now confined
to my room but will be
out in few days and make
this vacation as you desire
but do not believe we can

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Hold it I have figured
with the Partis owning
the 1400 ft Extention and
can get it for $3 per foot
all but 32 ft which is owned
in New York but they will
garentee this also I think
we had better bye it
to save trouble. As
far as Selling my Ground
let it go what ever
you have to have of it
and we will arange that.

THOS. EWING & CO.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Dealers in
GENERAL MERCHANDISE. SILVER CITY, N. M.

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People are getting impatient
and fear this will be no
go Now I hope you
will push the thing through
and let me hear from you
at once. The mine we looked
at up on the Hill 105000
dollars have had a crushing
their ore only paid 15.00
attachment Suits have commenced

I think we can get the
whole thing for 5000 in
currency dont you
think it a good investment
write me in regard to
this I think their are is
rich. or moderately so
say 50 ac or

Yours Th Ewing

Rising Star Silver Mining Company.

Superintendent's Office.

R. S. S. M. CO. DEC 27 1868 FLINT DISTRICT, I. T.

Flint Dist, I. T, Dec 27th 1868.

Friend Hearst:

Your letter of 19th inst, rec'd.

As you, (I presume) are aware, that by an accident, I have been for many days past almost incapacitated to attend to office business, much less look after anything out-side. I had supposed you were more fully, and better posted on the work here, than your letter indicates. I make mention of these things as facts, and not as an excuse or apology for any dereliction of duty you may prefer, or for any fault you may find against me.

I telegraphed, the 20th inst, to the office, that we started up and would commence crushing that afternoon – we did so, and crushed part of Monday and at noon Tuesday 22d, as everything was working O.K. we commenced regular work, and since then have not shut down at all.

You have been informed daily at the

office of the progress and results of work since then. Every-thing about the Mill is now running smooth, and we will make you a shipment this week — by the 1st proxy.

Mr Sanborn & Mr Clarke, give favorable reports of the mine. I have not been to the mine since about the 1st inst.

I trust we will be able to give you pleasing and satisfactory results of work done here at all times.

Weather continues fine and stages — on runners — make regular trips between this Camp and Silver City.

Your friend

Jos Roberts, Jr.

To
Geo Hearst.
San Mateo Cal.

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OFFICE OF

Wells, Fargo & Company,

STAGE AND EXPRESS DEPARTMENT.

Bryan Station Aug 3rd 1869

Friend Hearst,

I start in the morning for Sweetwater. I have got a Bond on the Privilege on the Best mine there, or four fifths of it, unless three or four old friends of mine that I met out here are the damest fools on Earth, it is a huge thing you bet. it is down (100) feet (6) foot vein & the just shear it pays ($50) per ton, it will take too long to tell you all. price ($60,000) in currency & build a Ten Stamp Gray mill, we can buy the Sheba mill at Neumbolt & have it running in (40) days ~~the~~ These Coal mines are immense there is no money in them for us unless we can do as I told you last night unless we can get $150,000 $200,000

Capital. dont say anything
as I still think we can make
a sum. Ashburner will go
on West to Colville & Echo
Canion & finish up by the
time I return from Sweetwater
I will have a Jolly Stage
Ride (95) miles & an awful Road
Jawsin hard

YMG

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Silver City - Aug. 8th 64.

Dear Taggart -

Mr. George Hurst of this city goes to your place for the purpose of inspecting its mineral resources - His experience & ~~credit~~ connexions entitle his opinion to great credit - I have spoken to him of your "Gray Eagle." I want you to show him that lode & also the discovery claims on the Atlanta - Go over to the Yuba with him & show him the whole country -

Your truly
F. Gansal

To
Geo W Taggart Esq -
Rocky - Bar -

Treasure City Sep 18 1869

Friend Ryan

How are things going in Frisco. Can you make a go of the Gold Hill and Rogers Mine I thought I would drop a line to see how you were getting along. Times here are fearfully dull but we expect from appearances they will soon pick up. The Weather is delightful and the evenings cool. All the Mines are improving and White Pine will be all right yet. Well you cleaned out Strawberries. Cherries. & Peach orchards. Now I suppose you are raising a Murfee with the Melons and Grapes. You are in luck certain. You can eat a large Watermelon for Me but be careful and not eat too early in the evening as I want you to sleep sound and not be disturbed during the night. I have nothing new to write you from here. as there is nothing new. but you give those San Francisco Jibs and all the white Pine Croakers let Me hear from you soon.

Truly Yours
Abram Moger

Nevada City Sept. 13th 1869

Friend Hearst

I received your letter by due course of mail. and am not disappointed much in that man Bowldin. I think he is a regular Bilk. which I am very sorry for. I am afraid my time of redemption will expire before I can do anything with the Mine. I have been trying to get Tisdale consent to let me put in a flume and wash the Gravel this Winter I believe I could make nearly money enough this season to pay him. I hardly think he will let me do it. The entire cost of rigging up the Diggins wouldent be over fifteen hundred dollars.

Now George if you would try right hard. I believe you could rig some peachan to get somebody to

take hold of the Penn. Mine.
Write me what day
Mrs Hearst will be up. so we can have
her stop at the House. and not
go in Town. the weather is verry
fine. and I think she will injoy
her trip verry much. My wife
sends her regards to yourself & wife
and says Mrs. Hearst must not fail
to come up and make her a long
visit.

Your Friend J. H. Helm

Nevada City Dec. 7th 1871.

Friend Joe

I want you to send
me $500.00 five hundred Dollars
assessment on quarter interest in
the Gold Tunnel. of yours and
Hearsts. I would like to have you
come up and see what I am
doing. Gashwiler was up yesterday
and stayed about five minutes.
hoping to hear from you soon.
I remain as ever

Your friend
J. H. Helm

P.S. send by Check or by
Wells Fargo & Co

J. H. H

Nevada City Dec 20th 1871

Joseph Clark Esq

Dear Sir.

About two weeks ago I wrote you a letter, asking for a five hundred dollar assessment on the Gold Tunnel Mine, but have received no answer. Now if you dont want the interest, I wish you would let me know immediately for there is a party here in Nevada that wants it, if you do want it send me the five hundred dollars for I know the money,

Respectfully yours

J. H. Helm

Empire District Nev
Jan. 6th. 1871

Friend Hurst

Having left Spring Valley a short time since I concluded to write you my whereabouts. Prospects do, I am now stopping in the above named District Situated Fifteen Miles South of Hot Creek and about 30 Miles in an Easterly Direction from Belmont. There are some Good Mines here and that I call Mines. The first that I shall mention to you. is one Called the "L. G. Ledge" which crops for 3/4 of a Mile cropping Ruines and carries the same Mineral the whole distance and assays just that the Rocky did. It can be traced for over 2 Miles but carries different Mineral in different Places. Its Casings are slate on one side and Granite and Porphery third

On the other It has been Worked on in Several Places the distance of 3/4 of a Mile, and assaying about the Same in Each Place. It is a good 4 foot Vein and Stands nearly on its Edge rather inclined to Run into the Hill. It has been Discovered about 1/2 Mile from the Original "L.G." Location on the North West End. Showing beautiful Ore and appears to be about Eight feet in Width. I am interested in the Location and I am now busy Tracing and Trying to prove Whether it is the same as the "L.G." — The Ore resembles the Bluesky in appearance but Contains more Blende Sulphates and Gave about 20 pr. Cent in Lead out of 13 assays from the L.G. which we had Made by a good reliable assayor the lowest Went $196,00 and the highest $780, — Money Can be invested here to a better advantage now than any place that I have seen since 1860 the Mines are not Developed Much Yet but Work is Going on Every Day. Answer this as soon as Convenient and I will Write and Keep you Posted in Regard to Prospects &c.

My Regards to Dr. Lent & John

Yours Truly My best Wishes

L. S. York

P. S.

If you should come by Way of Eureka you Probably May Meet Parties that will speak against this Place. They are men that have Made several Trips here and Judging from their Actions and What I have heard them Say they have a Selfish Motive in trying to Monopolize the Whole Concern themselves. If you will be Guided by What I tel you, you will find it just as I have Represented it.

Address "Cot. Cmer, P.O." Nye, Co. Nevada. Yours &c

York

Oroville Jany 24th 1870

Geo. Hearst Esq
San Francisco

Dear Sir

I happened to see your letter written to W. O. Clark, from the words I should judge you were basely misinformed. I never said or even intended to force you to pay me, or withhold the Keys from any one you saw fit to take charge of your property, on the contrary, I told W. O. Clark several months ago, that whenever he wished to take charge he could have the Keys. The person informing you of the above lied, and I should be pleased to learn from you who it is. As regards the order you paid Jno. Coombs after I had given you a receipt in full up to date, does not signify that you paid same amount twice, or that I had intended to have you pay it twice. If I am not mistaken I gave you a receipt from a certain date, to

a certain date, and the order of Jno. Coombs you will find was previous to either one of those dates. As for leaving me any thing Mr. Hearst, thats allright, I am not bold to leave, so far, I allways have tried to act honorable and allways shall.

Am sorry, after having been in your employ so long a time, that it should be necessary for me to write a letter of explanation of this kind. Hoping this may meet with some satisfaction

I remain
Yours Respectfully
R. B. Howard

To be answered

W M Lent Esq.
Sanfrancisco

Omaha Octob 7 = 1870.

Dear Sir!

As the matter stands here I suppose I will have to return to California with all probability. I saw Mr Mead but he went off on business in a hurry and is not yet back. Meanwhile I see that Mr Balbach is allready engaged to put up works here for the same Company. (to work 10 tons of bullion per day). I understand that there is no intention of putting up smelting works at present

I am not able to understand, what I have been called for under such circumstances, but I think there must be a mistake somewhere or Mr Balbach was engaged while I was on the road. I defer riting to Gen: Dodge because I know nothing positive Serious from Mr Mead who will not be back untill tuesday next. But the Balbach business

is a fact.

Now I want to write something confidential. The abundance of smelting ore in the cottonwood and adjoining districts is out of question. The large export of ore proves it. I send that Col Buel offered $350000 for the Emma ledge but it was refused.

Ogden is a far better place for metallurgical operations than Omaha. I am sure that cupelling on a large scale would prove either cheaper or at least a trifle more expensive than the zinc process as proposed here by Mr Balbach. Not only the separation will be cheaper, but it requires less capital to establish the works. Going back I intend to stop at Ogden to examine the place and will make also a trip to the mines. Mr Kidwell from Washington telegraphed to me to expect him at the station here. He offered me, in case I should not come to an understanding here, funds to put up separation works at Ogden. I intend to write him but not before I have seen you.

Respectfully Your

G Knobel

Sacramento Nov 23rd 1872

Geo Hearst:

Dear Sir!

Having waited for you or rather the settlement over three months in San Francisco, it was an unfortunate move yesterday that I started for Amador.

The Report I left with Mr O. Hofmann who will hand it over to you, I do not know whether it will meet your expectation, but you can relay on its perfect correctness.

My bill is $1500 I can say for 8 months. Please pay that sum to Mr Hofmann who has my bill in hand and oblige you

Truly

G Knobel

Smarts-Ville Feb 28th/70

To
George Hurst Yuba Co

Dear Sir

My writing to you is this I have been here some time and am well posted as regards the mining claims here and how they pay they are good mines and pays well which you are perhaps aware of what I want to say to you is this there is a fine show for a big speculation here there is no risk about it there is a large lot of Claims laying together owned by one man except some few interests that wants buying up then with his Claims it would make one of the best claims here and largest. My present circumstances I can do nothing with it so I thought I would let you know for there is Big Money in it now George

John Hazelton

if you would like to take hold of it write or come up I would like you to see it then I could give you all the particulars concerning them please keep this this private for there is some of the big claim owners has their eye on this and they would pitch in if they thought any one else was after them. if you com up let no one know your bijsiness for thinge would have to be don quiet to suceed

Yours Repp by John Wickelton

P.S. If you think favorable of the matter I have partially Discribed to you the quicker it is atended to the better it is well worth your attention

J.R.

P.S. please Answer if you aprove or not.

if you come up write the day befor so as I will be looking for you

J.R.

Enclose an answer as possible for if you all dont take hold of it I shall propose it to others.

This is so much better than anyother thing I have seen, that you need not trouble yourself about the Monte Christo.

Truly yours
Louis Janin Jr

Virginia April 20th 70

Geo Hearst Esq

Dr Sir

Yesterday I wrote a note to Jasper McDonald asking him whether he felt inclined to go into a mining scheme subject to a thorough Examination. I requested him to speak to you about it as you are more or less familiar with the nature of the ore and the mining district - east of Silver City. Since we rode over that section together I have made two trips to the various mines, and now coincide with your views, namely that this region offers a better

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chance than any other up here.

My idea is, to buy the mines and put up the necessary mills; and I estimate that the whole enterprise will cost about $40000 – say $10000 for the mines, $25000 for the mills and $5000 for materials and working capital. More money would be required if more mines are to be bought, and I think that the quantity of ore that comes to obtain is quite large.

But I propose to do nothing definite until a thorough examination has been made, which I will make as soon as I have secured the necessary mines. I want somebody to agree to put the scheme through should the examination prove favorable, and in consideration of my making the report, for them to pay the expenses of a proper test. I charge nothing, but wish to have an interest in the concern on terms to be hereafter agreed upon.

If you have not already seen McDonnell hunt him up, and have a talk with him about this matter. You can tell him whether you think it worth while to incur the expense of an examination

I wish to have as

Drytown
May 10/70

Geo. Hunts Esq

Dr Sir my Son Eugene is at the College there & as he needs some funds I gave him a check — on you for $60 00 this if paid will be all I will ask — for — the attention to yours — Hunts Mill & S — from Nov 19/69 to the 19 of May 1870 " 6 Mo this will be less than "you proposed to give you remember you proposed 3 00 pr week I have this for — gave it all the attention I would had it all been my own the top Rock that was Holly to the Palmer — Mill from the Pennsylvania paid a little over 5 00 pr ton no further prospecting will be done till I see you W. O. Clark

Drytown
Nov. 20/71

Geo. Hurst Esq

Dear Sir when I was down to the City I missed seeing you your Mill is all right the taxes is same $58.00 if you wish me to pay I will do so there is some good rock-quarts found near there so I think there will be a chance to run the Mill yet any thing I can do for you in renting it out or any information you may want will render it at once & will be glad to see you when I come down

Respectfully
W. O. Clark

Mountain City Nev
Cope dis
May 14th 1871
Mr George Hurst
San Francisco

Dear Sir when when you Left here Last fall I promised to write to you the snow is all gone Spring has append the Mines are Looking well the Mill is Running on Argenta ore which is paying well we need more Mills in here a good Water Mill would be good investment the great trouble here is Miners cant get their ore worked as the 10 Stamp Mill is Bound to the Argenta Company there is a great deal of Rich ore here that would be taken out if could Get it worked wood here is worth 10 dols per cord the Placer Mines are paying well the Mamoth party have a Good Ledge at Bulls Run which they offer for Sale at a reasonable price the porter Ledge Hill Beachey is here Beachey is makeing Arrangements to Stack the Road through to Silver City I think you had Better come up and take another Look at the Camp

a great may New Ledges have been
struck since you was in here last
fall the weather here is fine the roads
are getting good

Yours A Fisher

San Francisco June 7th 1860

Mr Henry Cashmier and Mr Rand Boston & Co
Gentlemen according to a Contract Made in 1858
I have gone upon and Erected Existing Works Sank a Shaft
and Drifted two drifts on the Old Alexander Quartz
at Amador – I am now prepared to surrender
the Contract upon the payment to me of the
Sum of $5000 Eight Thousand a Deed for one third of
the property and the payment to me of two thirds
the Cost of the Dam & Flume Built in the Creek for the
purpose of Carrying the Waters thereof over the Premi-
ses two thirds of the Cost of Tools and other Stocks
on hand

Very Respectfully
John A. Mull

Grass Valley June 8. 1870

Friend George.

I have found one of the good things again, a new strike on an Old mine. Three shafts down to the ledge about 50 ft deep- they keep the mine clear of water with 4 Cinamen.

And they have just finished up a crushing which paid 114-00 Dollars per load-

And they have got out about thirty loads at the mine. which they set at from 50- to 70- Dollars per load -which is a trifle over one ton-

The mine is an Old location which belonged to Rush and Laton. Some parties Jumped it and when they struck it rich they Bought Rush & Laton out- which leaves them a clear title to 2600-ft on the Ledge- The mine is about 3/4 of a mile from the Empire- Ophir Hill And the chances are that it is just as good a mine as the Empire

over —

The mine can be bought for $15000-00 Dollars- And there is no doubt but it can be paid for within 60- days work- at the same rate they are Taking out ore-

I would suggest to you to come up and Examine it I think it will suit you at the price- let hear from you by return mail whether you will come or not

Yours Truly
J. T. Bradley

Pozley June 16 - 72

G. Furst Esq
San Francisco

Dear Sir

Should you come here & I not see you please give me a Call. If you want to buy an Interest in Iron mining at a low figure, I have them for Sale.

Yours Resp.

S. B. R.

Pozley
Via. Be-o-na-wey Nevada

26 Hayward's Building,
San Francisco, July 26th. 1870

Dear Sir,

There is due on your pro-rata of the Capital Stock in the "Meadow Valley Extension Mining Company" issued in the name of Henry Jamin, the sum of One hundred and nine 37/100 Dollars, ($109.37) which, as the Company are making a remittance to the mine, it is necessary should be paid in, in the course of to-day or tomorrow to accomplish that object. I am desired by the Trustees to request your prompt attention to the same, and remain, Respectfully Yours.

J. W. Colburn, Sec.
Meadow V. Ext. M. Co.

Mr George Heart, Esq.
San Francisco.

Mineral Hill Sept. 21/72

Geo. Hearst Esq
Sanfrancisco

Dr. Sir

Since I come up I find things changed in regard to the Austin Mine they Co. will not allow me to sell now onless I get them two hundred thousent cash down, and me make my commissen. above that amount and onless you could get it off for 225000 there would be no show of making anything out of it. if this other matter with the other Co. was settled things would work better here

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the prope[illegible] are know
and offer [illegible] Yours truly
[illegible] Russell

Thos. Spencer is gone to Leaden
and will be out nxt week
the Company claims to have on their
dumps 400 tun of ore, first and second
class, that will assize from $250. to 300 pr.
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Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.

Eureka, Nev. Sept. 29th 1870

Jno. T. Bradley Esq
San Francisco. Cal. } Dear Sir

Your letter of the 25th inst. recd. this morning. Contents duly noted. I had hoped to hear from you the first part of last week, and began to think that you was out of the city.

I wish I could realize your kind wishes expressed in the latter part of your note, but there seems to be no such luck for me. I was not aware that any one in Frisco had Jone's mine for sale; nothing of the sort was ever intimated to me. A day or two after writing to you I received a note from Mr. Jones, which I enclose to you, From it you can form some kind of an idea, as to how he holds his two mines. I have since saw Mr. J. and have been to see his mine again. Is now sinking what he has out, to Austin (80 miles off) Thinks this lot will work better than the ore worked at "Monte Cristo" mill, that went $153.91 Could not get him to agree or say that he would take any less than the sum named in his letter. Should Hearst or any one of the Experts known below, examine the mine, they would (I am sure) make a favorable report. For some time past I

have been in correspondence with a man by the name of S. A. Raymond (formerly of White Pine) who has an office in room 2. No 432 Montgomery St. He has bolstered me with the idea that he could dispose of mines, more especially at the East. So far he has done nothing & I think that he can do nothing. He is now absent from the city leaving his business in the hands of one Wm Gardner, The idea, this moment, strikes me that he may be that Gardner late with Credit Sturman & Co. City.

I have sent them some 12 or 15 mines, among others several that I think you could handle without trouble

Among the very best is three locations of 600 ft sq belonging to Jack Fulton & partner, (of the Leviathan mine on Argyle Hill) Two of these are excellent. Jack has sold some $3000. worth of ore at $30 per ton. The ore is a Carbonate of Lead & works splendidly in the furnace yielding over $100. per ton Silver & Gold. "Badger" mine best, Esphr No. 1 & 2 (No. 2. best) Jack asks $12,000. for all. Worth it easily enough. Nearly that amt. of ore taken out. Three men can take out from 5 to 8 tons in a Shift. A counter claim was set up by some parties & an injunction laid, That was raised last Saturday & now all is smooth. Do you live in S.F.?

Write soon again — Yours respy. Geo. W. Kinney

P. A. BOMMEN, AGENT, ELKO. GEORGE COWLES, AGENT, HAMILTON

W. L. PRITCHARD,

Fast Freighter from Elko to White Pine.

Hamilton, Nev., Oct 18th, 1870

George Hearst Esq

Dr Sir

I wish you would see the Managers of the Hearst Mine and ascertain from them on what terms they would let the Chicago Company have the Mine to prospect for thirty or Sixty days with a view of Purchasing ~~and~~ at the expiration of that time. I had a talk with Mr Thornburg when he was here about working the Mine. he wanted us to pay Seven hundred and fifty dollars for the privilege of taking out Rock for thirty days. after making carefull examin-ations and having the Rock assayed

we came to the conclusion that it would not justify us to pay that price for so short a time. I think you might manage it to let us go in there and work it for thirty-days and if the Mine suits that I could negotiate a sale so that you and I might make some Money out of it It is better for your company to get something out of it than to let it remain as it is please ascertain as soon as possible and write me fully. I can certainly make a sale of it if it suits at a reasonable figure

Yours Respectfully

James Cross.

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OFFICE CHOLLAR-POTOSI MINING CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 7th 1870.

Mr. Geo Hearst,

In answer to my telegram Mr Hobart says, "If Mr Hearst leaves Thursday morning that will do". Shall I reply that you will go Thur?

Respy yrs

N. C. Fenn

Stockton Utah April 16 1877

Dear Mr Heart

I wrote you yesterday about the the Metropolitan Sale & reflected somewhat on parties trying to jew me down below a living price I now write to inform you that I did not mean either Mr Chambers or Hosmer. Mr Chambers I consider the heart of a good fellow a man I esteem highly & I think is a good friend of mine I am mad knowing you have the opportunities & disposition to serve me, that any one should step in selfishly & nullify your friendship for me I will wait your letter in reply & then proceed on my prospecting trip when I am most sanguine of getting something good. Milling ore ~~that~~ you can take hold of & no man living will get a show at it until you see it

Since you left me got a ledge of galena & carbonate ore in the Minnie widening as it goes down at 40 feet it runs in 3 inches wide now at 60 feet 12 inches assays $163 silver & 50 pr cent lead, we think it will be a big ledge as it is a quartz ledge 12 feet wide on the top. the Waterman is 5 feet wide at the

depth of 25 feet & is as you saw Galena & Carbonate, the district is a live one & promises to be very lively this Spring & Summer the Grand Cross is sold & the owners got their money all O K.

I hope to hear from you as soon as you get these Communications hoping you are well I am my dear sir

Your friend & most ~~[illegible]~~

John P Gallagher

San Francisco June 30th 1871

S H Carr Esqr
Stockton

Dear Sir

This will be handed you by Mr George Hearst who is making an inspection of Mines in your part of Country.

He wants to look at the McCullough and Francis Mines. Please introduce to Mr Brooks who will give him full particulars and oblige

Yours Very Truly
R R Stevens

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(EXPRESS.)

Galena May 23d 1871.

George Hearst Esq.
San Francisco.

Dear Sir!

Although rumor has announced your coming to our camp more than once, so far you seem to have forgotten us entirely. I presume you want to see first some tangible proof from the Butte, before giving our district another trial. I hope you will see some substantial evidence in the latter part of next month, it can not fail, that the Nevada B. M. Co ~~under~~ good management will make a mark yet in the list of Mining Companies, and you will find that the Mine will come up fully to expectations. Lately I had some very good average assays of from $100 – 150 per ton.

If your other engagements allow it, I think it would pay you well to come here once more. There are no real good claims developed in this ~~district~~ immediate neighborhood since you left, the White Mine excepted, owned as you know by Earl & Knowls. At a low estimate this mine has 1000 tons of ore, with will net $300 per ton, in the reserves, the works consisting only of a shaft 140 feet deep, ~~west~~ west of the vein, and three levels running north from it on the

the lead, 100–150 in length. The lowest level is 112 feet below the surface and about 120 feet long; it looks very well indeed. A winze about 100 feet North from the shaft connects the middle level with the upper one. — Nothing has been done on the Shiloh or Avalanche — The Little Giant, which I understand is now owned by Cashwilcher, is improving; in the winze from the lower level a well defined lead carrying galena assaying from $400–500 per ton has been found. I have not seen it myself, but report says the lead to be from 2–3 feet in width.

The most promising mine, without exception, of the district is the Trenton Mine. A Mr Farren has been here to look at it; I understand he came to the conclusion, it was but a small affair, too small to be worth looking after. I inclose some remarks about the Mine, which I wrote in January; my opinion is based on a careful study of the Mine, and not on a flying visit of half an hour duration as Mr Farren's; I feel satisfied, that by a personal inspection you will find all the facts in the remarks confirmed.

Since writing those remarks – the drift on the vein from the lower tunnel has been continued to the 93 feet shaft, and run about 6 feet north beyond the shaft; the vein has here greatly improved, and shows a fine

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payseam of from 12–15 inches. The 35 feet vein has been further explored by an incline of about 90 feet in depth below the level of the lower tunnel, which incline has been sunk on the hanging wall. A closer examination of this large vein in the level of the tunnel has resulted in the finding of a 18 inch seam of ore of $80 per ton near the footwall, and of another seam of 6 inches in the centre, carrying ore assaying $1511 per ton. This latter seam is being followed by a drift, now in about 10 feet, the seam continuing. In sinking the incline several seams have been cut of from 6–8 inches carrying ore assaying as high as $2511 per ton, all these seams are making for the foot wall. The immense size of this ledge, different from any thing found so far in this district and the different character of the ore, which was not recognized, are the reasons, which have prevented the owners from opening this lead more extensively; the incline should have been sunk on the footwall, but the ground here required timbering. You might think me rather crazy, but I cannot help thinking, that this lead comes nearer to the Comstock, than any I have seen yet in Nevada.

I first went to the Mine for Henry Sawin, who promised to look at it, if I should think favorable about it. His other engagements no doubt prevented him from fulfilling his promise. Judge Goodwin from Eureka then made a bargain for it, but it seems Farrens report spoiled it. Capt for Richards, Agent of the B.A.M Co wants to have it for an English Co, but his sickness has prevented him from going yet to the Mine. He has no doubt, that the Mine will be acceptable to his friends; but I should like to see the Mine in the hands of a California Co as this would be better for our camp, and this is the reason I send you my notes. If you intend to do something please let me know at your earliest opportunity; the mine is really worth all the money asked for ($15.000), <u>without</u> taking in consideration the 35 feet vein.

The Mill is idle, as the ore cannot be worked to satisfaction without roasting; and although the owner could make arrangements for putting up the necessary improvements, ~~but~~ they prefer disposing of their property to becoming indebted to one of their partners, the only monied man in the Company.

Truly your

John Ramsdohr.

Galena Jan 11th 1875.

George Hearst Esq

My dear Sir!

As Emerson going to Belmont, I use this opportunity of writing to you. I have nothing else to say than to ask you the favor if it (in any way convenient to you) to go to Unionville and to look at our property. It looks rather stormy to day, and I am afraid the road which I proposed to go will be impassable, therefore I propose to let me know, when you will be at the Station, as I should like very much to accompany you. If time should not allow me to meet you at the Station, you will find Peter Sprey in Unionville who will show you all around, and whom I can recommend you, as a entirely reliable person.

Hoping to see you again soon I remain yours

very truly

Pio Romandia

In White 285 feet north of shaft has been struck very rich ore, assays over $3000 per ton, there seems to be quite a streak of it.

Detroit Michigan
June 30th 1871

Dear Hearsh-

Wrote you Sunday from Hyde Park in relation to Abel Lowe & enclosed you also a specimen of Silver Islet Mining Co's ore. Have seen here about 200 tons of the ore. Ten tons first class between $50 & 6000 per ton. Forty tons 2nd class between $30 & 4000. & 200 tons of general ore mostly about $43 per ton. A Toledo Co have here about 50 tons just arrived of first & second class ore fully equal to the above, which they get on the main land about 70 miles from the Islet Co location.

It seems to be the general opinion here that that whole country abounds in ledges & that the average is higher than known anywhere else.

I wish you were down here. If you could bring your long mining

experience to bear on the north shore of Lake Superior where these ores come from you could make it a very large stake. There are but few here or on the ground who know anything about silver ores or silver mining practically & if I had you here to prospect they would by their influence, as this is so near home or half a dozen companies of large capital could be organized on the stock sold at a near par. At least so it seems to me. If you should take a notion to visit your friends in Kentucky within the next six weeks telegraph me & we can spend a fortnight on the Lake Superior mining ground & make enough to pay expenses anyway, if we don't do any more.

I leave here tonight for Brooklyn & shall spend a month there or on the sea shore near there. Should you want to communicate with me, direct either letters or despatches to the Care of Mrs Mary K. Neale No 250 Mt Main St Providence R.I. & they will be

Dear Glen
July 2nd-71

My dear Sir
I hope the sack of Mammoth rock has come to hand all right I sent it yesterday by your butcher - the location is the 1st South Ot of the Mammoth series of four ledges - the ledges run in a Northerly & Southerly direction - there is the out cropping of a large ledge - perhaps five feet - on this claim and a tunnel running in a Southerly direction for it, in about sixty feet in which we struck the ledge and run in beyond - ledge lays rather flat but not more so than we might expect in the

the Dem one is low grade ore. I think there is a large deposits of it there - there is very evidence of it

Yours truly
A. Mattlebury

A. Mattlebury
Dear Glen July 2nd 1871
re Mine

District - there is a good head
wall - commenced to chamber
~~out to~~ ~~tooth~~ tile out some on
- a lot of four or five tons on the
dump but it has been cut
led over so often that it
is not worth while speaking
of it - There has been so much
gouging out of all the mineral
in sight that it does not look
as well as it ought & did -
Below the above tunnel & within
a hundred yards is another
Tunnel running in South Wester
ly direction to cut across
the ledge - it is in, 5 feet cut
& Tunnel 90 feet and in the
~~further~~ further end we cut across
already numerous stringers of
Quartz which are as minral as I
send you - I cant say indeed how
large this ledge is but it will be
three feet & upwards - I think
with a very small amount of
capital to back our this property
could be made to pay its way
almost immediately & before
long be a very valuable piece
of property - I have often consid
erable expense & trouble got
the title in myself & have had
for a year past - As you know
I am rather working our mines
& turning my attention to the
business of stock mining - Need
money & will sell at what I believe
to be a sacrifice -

If the work or one
that will work or suit any
party I would like them to come
& see the claim - it has to be seen
to be appreciated - it is within
5 miles of the Sheba mine - No
road to be built - -

Peoche July 75

R. N. Berry Esqr
San Rafael

I wrote to you the 2nd that I heard had the privilege to work the Bowery mine for 90 days that one quarter of the property was reserved for you and me and you would within that delay advise with him and let me know how to sell part of stock for payment of mine and expenses. Say 30 or 35000. dollars. 25000 principal and 5 or 6. expy the boys which own it are unoccupied and see with anxiety that time wasted in waiting for their money and from them last night I know that they would take 15000, I wishe you would be able to have them come to San Rafael or see them in S F and if you see that my ideas are right try to have them carried we have in dump and sight some 21. or 24 thousand dollar worth of ore which can be taken out and crushed in a month and will net about 10. or 12000 dollars. Suppose the mine is paid 15000 and 5000 dollars worth of

work set on it and nothing is found
the loss would be 8,000. but have the
manipulation of those 22,000 of bullion
which would have a great effect. suppose
again the same that the developements
are bad and the mine not tattles the
5 or 6000 dollars will be dead loss and
nothing to make it any better and no show
to get out. Mr Hearst has felt a kind
of fear of feelings of the Irishe co towards
me and has set me aside in the direction of
this ~~affair~~ work here. I will not remonstrate and
think it is for the best as it is his money which
goes, but if this change of proposition is
made ~~to the boys~~ it is absolutely through
my opinion ~~that it~~ will have been brought out
and if I prove shrewd and correct I
think I ought to have more to say about
the future management than a stranger but
this I would not say till succes.
Things take a peacefull turn I think they are afraid of
the report of their standing army of cutthroats. the mill
of the co will start later part of the month ~~of~~ from Bowers
can be crushed at Silver Park. Love to all.
Yours L Lance

SALT LAKE OFFICE at CO-OPERATIVE DRUG STORE,
WEST SIDE MAIN STREET,

T.T.1.

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San Francisco 7 187

Aug 7 1871 5-50 M.

Received at

To George Hearst

The following dated Victoria and seventh will you come here by night steamer or shall I come down all working well C. C. Lane what shall I answer

Jr. P. Casements

NL 28 paid 5 43

Please Answer by this Line.

~~TELEGRAPHIC CONNECTION WITH~~ ALL POINTS IN UTAH, Including LITTLE COTTONWOOD MINES.

Dryfoos Aug. 28th 1871

Mr George Hearst

Dear Sir

I take a moment this morning to write you some time ago I was talking to you about taking an interest in our mine, since that time Mr Wilson saw you in relation to the matter, We are sinking at this time, we have gone down about 35 feet since we commenced on last and the rock is improving every foot we go, in fact the mine has never looked as well as it does at the present time we can see gold in every tub full we take out, and the whole ledge prospects well, now if you want to take one half of the mine let me hear from you, there is no better showing in Amador Co for an investment, I must have some money by the 10th of Sept. and if you would like an

interest come up and look at the place, I am satisfied you would take hold of it if you was to see it, let me hear from you immediately

I am as ever yours &c
T. H. Mayon

Dryfoon, Aug 1871
Mine

D. C. Gate
or Geo Heist

Gents

After a long time I have got my affairs settled both here and in Virginia and I am on my way to Utah. I have received several letters recently from parties in Salt Lake City who propose to buy or rather sell some of our mines on Devin; I want to find out the whereabouts of Bill Davis, on receipt of this please answer immediately do not fail, and let me know where Bill is. Also if you know where Lewis is who went with me to Devin, I have not had a letter from him or Smith for five months

I remain here until I receive an answer from you

Where are Haswell & Wilbur?

Hamilton Nev
Sept 13th 1871.

Write by Return Mail

Yours in haste
Lloyd Pinzell

Office of Great Basin Mining Co
308 Walnut St.

Philadelphia Pa. Sep 22. 1871.

George Hearst Esq.
San Francisco Cal.

Dear Sir

The bond, or option of purchase of 500 feet in the Glacier mine near Treasure City Nevada which was executed by messrs Heydenfeldt Loyd and yourself expires Nov 1st 1871. and as you are doubtless aware the compromise with the Ebernardt party by which the Glacier lost 116 ft of ground has very greatly hindered the pending negotiations for a sale of the mine. It is our great desire to close the matter up, and must ask you to extend the time for your bond to expire. One of our associates is now in London and asks me to write you thus. Please make the time expire beyond the first of Jany 1872 and as much beyond it as you feel inclined. As we are not expecting or trying to make any profit off your interest, and as the whole care & concern of this matter has fallen upon us, I feel sure you will not hesitate to do as requested. Possibly our Mr Crawford has already seen you in regard to this matter we desire nothing but what is equitable and will try to have the sale made at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfy Yours. J L Cannoghan Treas.

J. L. Cannaghan
Sept. 22 - 1871
re mine in Nevada
{ Reydenfeldt.
Lloyd
Hebert

To be attended to on Monday next, letter from Philadelphia 22nd Sept/71

D. S. Brunel
Sept. 24 - 1871
mine

Bullion City Pilate Co.
Utah
Sept. 24th 1871

George Heart Esq.,
Dear Sir, We have found the lode on the Hill (formerly the Pride of the West) the Belle of Utah.
I have made a location of three thousand (3000) feet and have had it record. We are sinking a shaft about 60 feet from the old shaft when you saw us putting up a windlass.
Mr. Rink has collect-

ed Seventy five ($75.00) dollars of Mr Oppenheimer that all he could get. he says he has some private affairs with you. Now Sir, you will oblige me very much by telegraphing to Wells, Fargo & Co. to pay me on account my order four hundred & twenty five dollars.
Also mention whether we shall keep at work you paying one half the expenses when call upon. The lode is between three or four feet wide. The quartz look well or the same as you saw on the dump.
I will be in the City to get supply &c. by the time I hear from you there.
I will leave here with Hess on the middle of this week and will hurry back as my poket book is very lean.

Respectfully Yours

Isaac B. Brunel

7. J. Rinck
Sept. 25 - 1871

Salt Lake City U T
Sept 25th 1871

George Hearst
Sir I have been out of town a few days just got back last night found a letter here dated Sept 10 from Tate & Brunell at Sevier Mines they were sinking for the mine had good indications and expect to find it soon. I will let you know the result as soon as I hear from them again.

The order you gave to J B Brunel I collected but only got 75.00 in currency for it. I had to go after it several times and he claims to have some other little account with you which he will settle with you only.

I shall be here in Salt Lake for some time. and am short of funds. please send me the balance of the 200. dollars.

I recieved from you at Bullion Silver Mines 20.00
and from Oppenheimer 75.00
making in all 95.00
Balance yet due $105.00

If you send by Mail
Address F. J. Rick
Salt Lake City U T
Lock Box 526
or Union Telegraph cos Office by Telegraph
P.S please let me hear from you immediately
F J R

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San Fran Sept 26 1871

Received at Eureka 26 1871 12 05 P M.

To Geo Hearst

See Frank Proctor who will inform you as to the deposit on Lookout and Richmond show him this dispatch and telegraph Haggin the result of investigation

W G Kelly

2 C paid
G J

No 442 Pacific St
Corner of Nevins St
Brooklyn Sept 30 71

Dear Hearst:-

Why the deuce don't you write me. You are the worst correspondent I ever had. Glad to see Eureka Consolidated coming out so O justifying our report, of last winter.

What about Camp Floyd. Last I heard it was bonded for $128 000. 3 months & the prospecting did not look so encouraging. Has it improved? What is it worth aside from the bond, if party don't take it. Am delayed getting my boxes perfect & in some few matters I

have to attend to befor leaving.

Have you made any money a Utah matters since I left.? Have you got anything now you want help / or a Co operator in.

How is Mrs H. My I. sends her regards. I would add mine. if I didn't think you would be jealous.

Hastily
W D Jury

Palisade Oct 2nd /91.

Geo Hearst. Esq.

Friend Hearst.

Phony Boyde and I will Go out to ~~to~~ the Mine this evening and will be in here daygafter tomorrow morning. if you arrive here while we are out there they must wait until we get back. we will probably want to make some arrangement in regards to the Mine and would like to have you here.

Yours Truly
John M. Wilson

Phila Oct 20. 1871.

Messrs Soloman Heydenfeldt. George Hearst. and R. H. Lloyd.
San Francisco California.

Dear Sirs

This is to inform you that under the option of purchase of five sixteenths (being 500 - feet) five hundred feet of the Glacier Mine situate on Treasure Hill White Pine County Nevada, granted by you to J. M. Crawford, the purchase of said interest in the Glacier Mine will be made and completed by the assignees of your Bond or agreement, in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

Very Respectfy Yours -

J. G. Carnaghan -

London England
October 26th/71

George Hearst Esq.
Dear Sir:

Since my arrival here, I received a Report on the "Hussey" & "Rattler" mines, from an old and competent miner, so remarkable in its character, that I have reversed all of my movements in relation to placing those "claims" on this market. Accor-

and not being inclined to spend any more money upon the property, I shall notify Mr. Rogers that the signers of the Bond are released from their obliga-tions to me under it.

Am very sorry that I have been compelled to retrace here in London all that I had written about the "Hussey."

The party who examined these claims is trustworthy & reliable, is an old miner & expert, and I am informed has made several Reports for Mr. G. Ralston - Bank of Cal.

Regretting the facts, and hoping to meet you at some future time,
I am Very truly R. C. Rust

-ding to his statement, the whole thing appears to have been a huge joke perpetrated upon me by the owners. It is unnecessary to trouble you with the details of this Report (which I have sent to Mr. Rogers in full), but will simply say that it asserts emphatically that the "Rinsey" and "Rattler" are perfectly worthless. I sent the party to examine the claims before I left Salt Lake to go to Hamil-
-ton, Nevada, to see Rogers & Hunt. It was my intention to go down to the mine myself from there, but was in-
-formed the developements had not sufficiently pro-
-gressed to enable me to see much! That state-
-ment determined me not to make the trip to Sum-
-mit, but to rely upon the Report referred to for facts that should deter-
-mine my action.

The Report was made at a heavy expense;

Dryton Nov 20 1871

George Hearst Esq

Dr Sir

I paid your Taxes on the Logan Mill &c amounting to

Dollars Saturday as after to day 15 per ct cents will be added Clark said he had no money to pay them with which looks strange to me as he has been selling of considerable plunder from the Logan such as copper plates Lumber Hoshing reels cars wood &c for the last year if he has not paid over anything to you - you had better send me an order power to settle up with him for you as he is slightly Tickey

Yours Truly

Wm H. Cooper

Mr J. W. Pearce

Dear Sir

I have concluded to take the price you offered viz 15000 Dollars I shall be down again next Wednesday

Yours Truly

M. E. Cooper

San Francisco

Dec 16 1864.

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Nevada City Dec 22

George Hurst

Friend George I take the liberty to write to you and ask a favour of you I want you to see what I can get a Portable Engine in San Francisco for I want one all compleat with hoisting geer and all and four inch pump or a six inch pump I have a Ledge that will average seven inches thick and pays thirty Dollars per ton we have worked the Ledge one hundred feet deep on the Incline the work pays best on the bottom we have sunk twenty three feet deep on the Incline and over

Ledge increases in size and in richness the rock will pay fifty Dollars per ton So fare as we have gon in the lower level we are all Short of cash now and want to get machienry on as cheap as posable and you can doo me grate good granting me this request
If you think you cold sell this ledge down thier I wold like for you to doo so we will take twelve thousand Dollars for the Mine
let me hear from you soon and oblige your friend

W E Bradley

2:25 MINING CORRESPONDENCE 1872

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Winnemucca Jan 4 1.72

Friend Spaulding.

I rec'd your letter a few days since, There has been another party here, who wants to Bond the Mines for three months, - I am not much on the bond, I would rather sell for cash and take less.

You say Mr Hirst is coming down, I would be pleased to see him, I have no doubt but the mines & price, would suit him.

If he comes, I would like for him to send me a dispatch one day before he leaves there. in Care of Jos. Dezson, - So I could meet him at the Depot.

Yours, S. Kimball

P. S. Direct - in Care Jos Dezson

Napa city Feb 3/72

Mr Isaac Heist

Dr Sir

I wish you to come up soon I have a Furnace up & Works, & Quicksilver is now Running come & see for your self, are over 200 tons off

P. S.

the Phoenix mine is an Enormous one over 3000 tons are out a New 30 ton furnace Running cost 25,000$ you can make a Fortune out of it by handling it, get Lloyd Lewis, he is the man, this mine will sell for more than the Reddington & is worth 3 of them, this is worth your immediate attention, yours &c

L Pershbaker

Bullion City Utah Ter
Feb 28. 72

Geo Hearst
San Francisco. Cal

Dear Sir

The parties here owning in the "Alaska" lead desired me to write you as to your intentions in regard to same. You hold one thousand feet and the entire claims is two thousand four hundred. Your agent at Salt Lake has the copy of location If you see fit to send me an amount of money to expend towards development I will see that it is properly expended and that the other parties interested do their share towards it or if you will send me deeds for four hundred feet will work on it enough to hold it and to sink it some distance besides. Or if you do not wish to have anything further to do in regard to it. will try to make it even if you will send me deeds for what you hold. The rock from three assay's (croppings of course) goes about

eight dollars. Please inform me as to your intentions at your earliest convenience as the property is liable to be jumped.

I am Sir
Very Respty
G F Raulston

Bullion City
Piute Co
Utah Ter

San Francisco.
Febry 9/72.

George Hearst, Esq.

Dear Sir:-

A claim against the "Nevada Butte Mining Company" - whereof you are a stockholder - has been placed in my possession for collection.

By calling to my office and paying your pro rata of the debts and liability of the company, to be applied to the payment of said claim, you may avoid costs of suit, and will oblige, very respectfully, etc,

C Wittman

Dr Sir,

Last Mail brought me a letter from A. C. O'Neil of date 15th Feby 1872 inclosing a Check for $100 in acknowledging its receipt I perhaps committed myself to a certain extent & perhaps not your answer to this will determine—

If the letter was written at your instance or its contents fully known to you & by you approved of then all is well but if it is wholly the production of Mr. O'Neil & without your knowledge then I will return him his money—

I desire no middle man between my mines & a purchaser— My object in wishing to associate you with me in my prospecting enterprise was the knowledge I had of your ability to buy & pay for such mining property as I might possibly find if you desired it thinking an interest would be an incentive for you to examine it—

I did not ask for money— that was proffered by Mr O'Neil & I supposed with your knowledge as he visited the place & when speaking of the money

Sam Meade send me money from
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Mr O'Neils I want to know it at
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to this place during the early spring
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look very encouraging & some
you to discover & have the findings
to decide this matter at your
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Very truly
Yours &c
Sam Martin

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Yours &c
Sam Martin

P.S. Since writing this letter I have met with Mr Higgs of Gold Mountain by whom I sent – I hope you will see him – He is the partner of Robt Stewart & Tom Shaw –

I will write to Mr O'Neil by Mail

Yours &c –

S. M.

San Francisco Feb 22/1872

Geo. Hearst, Esq

Dear Sir

you will please inform me if you intend coming to this City soon or not you are one of the Trustees of the Minnesota Mining Co and there is no Quorum here and one is needed please answer and oblige yours

Resptfully
J. W. Grayson

Meadows March 23rd 1872

Dear Col.

Your letter of Feb. 21st reached here yesterday if it had reached in reasonable time I should not have asked you for money for this letter explains it all, the boys behaved well the Chinamen wood yellers did better than I expected. I sent off a dispatch yesterday giving you the depth & what I thought of doing. three or four feet more will take us down one hundred feet below the high water mark in the shaft or one hundred and five feet below the level of the flat and between 33 & 35 feet below the great body of the water ~~and~~ we will have to pump. I think we are far enough below the water to run out with safety & as I said before with ordinary luck we shall be able to test the channel from that level. I don't like to let the water down any lower and we have got on all the suction we have got so as to

give us a chance at the valves befor the water raises on us. last week a shot was put off that sent the nozzle flying a piece of rope was sucked up and got around the clack before we found out what was the matter the water run us out I've had to raise the pump through the roof. It gave us a good chance to put in new leathers on the clacks which were wanted badly as the upper clack was gone entirely. The buckets we can get them renewed without any trouble I have one hundred cords of wood on hand all paid for the men's wages for February also. The wages for this month will amt. to $1800 — and the outside bills are light with the exception of the powder bill that is heavy. I have not paid any of the store bills yet tho $2500 — you sent me has gone for wood & wages The weather is very fine the snow settling fast. The ice is falling in on Mr Creek the willows are budding & so is Mrs. M^c

Yours Truly
Robt H Brown

Opposite East Canon
April 25th 1872

George Hearst Esq
Dear Sir

I returned day before yesterday from a visit to the Black Crook Mine they have not done much work since my first visit, they have started an incline acros the ledge and have run it about 14 ft no sign of the hanging wall yet the ore all the way shows a trace of silver, from three samples taken from the mine I got the following results No 1 from a piece taken from the Rook of Tunnel $175.93, there is a very small bunch of this kind of Ore, from a good piece taken from dump $61.26, this kind of Ore is scarce, from Ore taken from end of incline $4.26 plenty of this kind, I think there is a show for a good Mine and will watch it close, and keep you Posted Daly Brought the four Samples from Bay Cannon Yesterday which Assayed as follows

No 1	from Mono Mine	82 pr cnt	Lead	$194 78	Silver
" 2	" " "	80 "	" "	175 83	"
" 3	" " "	86 "	" "	149 19	"
" 1	Magnolia Mine	61 "	" "	72 26	"

I think the above Assays are over an average of the Mines however I think there is a chance to get some good Locations in dry canon I will go over with Daly in a few days and take another look at the prospect, Daly has made some Locations for You but the snow is so deep that it is hard to tell where to set the stakes the snow is going off very fast and I think if You can be here in about two weeks the snow will be gon so that You can get round in good shape keep me posted as to Your whereabouts

Yours Truly
Lathrop Dunn

P. S. the Ore from Dry Canon was fine grained cube galena

L Dunn

C. D. Wright
Major J. M. Hosking

T. D. B. Wright

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917 Pacific St
Carey
Hoskellies

Henry Ellies

Salt Lake June 3rd 1872

S. Hemenway Esq

Dear Sir

I have found a piece of property a discription of which I enclose that I think can be manipulated in San Francisco. The property as you will see by the discription is very near the Rail Road and has a good road to the mine, and has plenty of water to run mill. Wood to run the mill would have to be hauled twelve miles. The owners ask one hundred and twentyfive thousand ($125,000) dollars for the property, sixtyfive thousand ($65,000) dollars cash and the balance in Stock at "bedrock" prices, and mine not to be incorporated for more than three millions. If it is

their amount of stock would have to be increased proportionately. If they can get Twenty thousand ($20,000) by the 1st of July they will wait sixty or ninety days for the balance and put their stock in a pool for a definite length of time so that the company will be able to manipulate the stock to the best advantage. The title to the mine and land and water is perfect. I have not seen the property myself but I have no doubt it is correctly represented as they desire me to go and and see it and then get it put on the S. F. market. I thought it best to send you a discription of the property first and if anything could be done with it I would then get Mr R. E. Chambers, a friend of Mapes Hagigan and Hurd, to examine it before doing anything. It is estimated by competent men that the ore will average $80 per ton. The estimates of the quantity of ore in sight is also made by competent men. The prices given are in gold of course. If the property is what it is represented to be (of which I have no doubt) it seems to me it ought to be handled easily. Upon inquiry if anything can be done with it please telegraph me so that I need not keep the parties here waiting. The amounts named are what the owners are to have, and our portion would have to come with the parties in corporating. Hoping to hear from you soon. I am

Very Respectfully
R. G. Anderson

605 Clay St. Frisco
Aug. 9th 1872

Well George
I have been
waiting for some days for a
letter from you but no letter
yet but as I leave in the morning
for Pigeon Pt. to inspect our
new mill which is just being
completed & may be absent
for some days I take this oc-
casion to jot a word to
you. As to our own affairs we
can say but little more than
that they are doing well & have
some pretty heavy jobs under
way which I hope to consummate
& thereby make our money matters
more easy this year than last
year in fact I must sell some-
thing as I have done little last

than pay out money for a year or so & have consequently damned hard up - yet we have a very bright look ahead I think as we have had plenty of rain & everyone feels well & there is more surplus for land than has been for the past two years - As for elections I sincerely say that we are in the midst of the greatest excitement & expectation ever witnessed in this city - so what it will end in no one can tell yet I feel that it will be followed by a calamity equally great though I hope not. Just here on this subject I will say that I want you to write me & tell us what you think of Breckinridge & Phoenix & especially Adams & Bell Cox & Latter has just made it appear as if in this matter is a

generally probably so. Our
friends some of our intimate
friends are in such as Kain
& Pollard Dr Holland & C &
would like to know something
of it & its future prospects
also about the other names
mine. Also your opinion
in general of Eureka des-
trict if it is not asking too
much of you. Do at any time
that you can give me a point
upon which it will do work
I know Jarlis who will pay
coin in my hands for the pur-
pose & allow me to make some-
thing which would be a good
deal about this time

Our new mill
will probably start running
next & I think we will make
some coin there - but of course
not very rapidly - Yours &c

Geo. Pearson

as above stated for mill stock besides I put into the consolidation of factory at Oakland Point & the Pacific wool Corp. one $40,000 worth) bills receivable that are good about $50,000 at least and much miscellaneous property say value $20,000 at least with the total liability of the Mogtgagor as above stated - I should not have bought the mill stock but we had much trouble in the Company all the time as the stock was so many held by two factions bitterly opposed to each other & my health was too poor to get into a bitter fight so I know the stock is much better property than city property which is sodden now that nothing can be done with it - If my health should improve we will be able to send out a large percentage of our land in the valley this Coming Season for now have applications for eight & ten thousand acres already which have come in during the past week & their application been forwarded home. but I have done all business unless I get better - I am tired will close by saying that you will write me soon a good long letter as I should so much like it -

Your affectionate Son Jerome

Skaggs Springs
Sept 7th 1872
Geo. Clearst Esqr
Salt Lake City -

Well Old friend

You will see by the heading of this that I am not at my old post in the City & have at work as usual with me; but am at the above named Springs the most desolate & dreary place I have attempted to stay at for many a day. Yet I am compelled to endure it as it is a case of necessity - I have been getting worse for the past six months with ulceration in the lower bowels in so much that by Aug 15th last I could attend to no business & Dr Ballard & Buckly sent me to Gilroy Springs where I only got worse & for which they sent me here where I have been ever since without any perceptible improvement in fact I feel worse to day than at any time since my arrival here - I am much discouraged though our business is in good shape I mountain

P.S. I omitted to say that the Baylis mill & Goldsmith mill are all right and are worth it to any of the Goldsmith Brothers & Shaw & myself. I will explain when I get home.

it cannot go on long as it is but must have the attention of some one interested - & should not get better soon you ought to come home & let us close up matters - I am sorry we did not do so when you were here last - yet you cannot blame me for urging it all the time feeling that that the chances were against my recovery from what the doctors told me - I on entering all our business - borrowed $84,000 at one per cent per month took up $20,000 of Hain & Pollard's indebtedness & took as security their & for some of their personal share endorsed three thousand acres of reclaimed swamp land & six thousand acres of land on the R R in Jackson County all worth about $50,000 so we are all right there except we are out the money that I borrowed for them for the present - I took the balance of the money & paid the $12,000 borrowed by Neal on the purchase & the $28,000 borrowed by Jay Barnhart on the purchase from him & then bought $27,500 worth of Pacific Lumber & mill company stock 600 shares at cost & paid for them in city property in Oakland & then loaned the Company

to avoid further assessments $12,000 of the $84,000 borrowed leaving a balance of $18000 for which I bought a house & lot in Oakland to live it at $3500 - 360 acres of timber land that we much needed as it was near our mill in Samuels County so you see my object in borrowing so much money - we now own considerable more than half the entire stock of the concern & have over $110,000 in it and it is at last paying well with good prospects for many years ahead - we ship from the 100,000 feet of lumber per week & have 2,000,000 feet on hand at the mill yet we have not been shipping long enough to make us easy for many days I will here say that we shipped you 2,000 feet and $1,150.00 feet of fencing the first shipped to me will pay the freight on it but would rather pay for the stuff & the Company has amended me very much about it because I gave the other as please authorize Hagg in Boston for us - after this month the stock will pay a monthly dividend

So stand up what we have on hand is about as follows 55,000 acres of land $110,000 worth of mill Company stock $20,000 worth of city property (you and I traded of considerable lately

Confidential

No 4442 Pacific St
Corner of Nevins St
Brooklyn N.Y.
Aug 12th 1872

George Hearst.

My dear fellow:—

Got a telegram from you three weeks ago saying you would try & get mine — I have attend to both & wished write. Not a word have I heard since. You are a very bad correspondent. I dont think I have ever got a word from you direct.

Enclosed is a letter I have received from England about mine. You will see that my correspondent, thinks the Emma Mining Co's difficulties have ruined the market for the present. I have

what day you will meet me at Salt Lake City — I will come out to meet you.

I understand the new law under which the mining & diamond locations can be taken up. Will have some certified copies with me. I fear you need the Co's for want of knowledge of the law, not yet published will be some time necessary. All this is confidential. If you are interested in the old Company or honorably bound with the Lent, telegraph me that fact & we will ~~drop~~ drop the diamond portion of it. If you are not however, I am besieged by gentlemen of means here, & associated myself with some California gentlemen

Yours
G. Hearst

P.S. Perhaps you
Charge expense
Dear would be
for all

Confidential

No 442 Pacific St
Corner of Nevins St
Brooklyn N.Y.
Aug 12th 1892

George Hearst.

My dear fellow:— Got a telegram from you three weeks ago saying you would be right down — I would attend to horses & wind work. Not a word have I heard since. You are a very bad correspondent. I dont think I have ever got a word from you direct.

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Confidential

Yours
Jas Duncan
Care Hearst & Co
Salt Lake City
Utah Ter
Care Hearst & Co
San Francisco Cal

worth him that I thought we could get a mine without paying anything down, by taking a four months bond & that when I came over, provided you could find such a mine as we wanted & could get a bond on it, I would bring it over anyway, in hopes that the Emma matter would blow over, by that time.

My idea is that you can get a bond of four months if you can find the mine we want & that I can still sell it, provided you can say to me it is really a good one & I can talk it up on honor.

Are you in the Diamond enterprise. If not as I see the whole thing is open to the public now & expeditions & Companys are starting all around you, I think provided we could get hold under the new laws of some territory, I could sell a number of locations in England. I knew of Mr Lents enterprise months ago, before I went to England, but I was in honor bound not to mention it & therefor did not do so, even to you or any one else.

I have however the English connections now, to handle anything which is good & you will or can honorably meet me at Salt Lake city I should like to have a talk with you & I think we could arrange, between me & two mines & some diamond locations to make a large amount of money this fall.

Telegraph me on receipt of this two days in succession at above address saying whether

OFFICE OF

Silver Sprout Mining Company.

206 Front Street,
318 California Street.

San Francisco, Aug 14th 1872

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir,

Father is about ready now, to show the mines in Inyo Co, He will be at Independence for about one month yet, this summer, Don't fail to go there now, as you promised, We have spent considerabl money this year & last, for the purpose of showing you these mines,

Yours truly,

Over

D B Winegard

Independence Inyo
County Cal.a is where
Father will meet
you, any time within
a month from now.

T B H

Pioche August 16/82

Friend Hart

I have been wondering what kept you so long but heard this evening you were sick I hope you are well by this time. I have got my eye on a location here that I think will suit you. I am anxiously expecting you there are a number of shit arse speculators coming + going all the time and trying to corrall everything but I tell the boys to hold on that I expect you by every stage
I have got my witnesses all ready to prove to Bowery or I cannot get any satisfaction write you come Telegraph me on receipt of this Yours Truly John Cahill

137 Montgomery - San Francisco

Septr 2d 1872.

George Hearst Esqr

Salt Lake

My Dear Sir

I have been hoping your return to this place that I might interest you in a valuable gold claim which Mr Caleb Dorsey & I have developed & opened, north of the Baxter claim which you examined, & which Bourne, Pearson & others bought upon your recommendation. I have laid bare the Ledge in the claim adjoining for a hundred feet, & the ledge is well defined, three feet on top, & the quartz indiscriminately taken from the surface, assays $93. 43. Every one says this is the best claim every discovered in the neighborhood, & we are confident it will pay from the start. Knowing you, & having perfect confidence in your honor, & ability, Mr Dorsey & I wished like you to join us in opening this mine. There is a ten stamp mill which can easily be put in order. All the outlay will be the hoisting works. We feel convinced that your examination of this mine would induce you at once to unite with us. And I said that what ever you may spend, you shall have returned to you

out of the proceeds of the mine, before Mr Dorsey, and receive one cent.

If you will unite with us, you shall have one third of the claim. We have a perfect title for 1500 feet.

If convenient, I will be glad to hear from you.

Very Truly
your Friend

Thos N Hold

I think our Friend Greathouse would unite with us.

When will you return to this City.

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A. MILTON MUSSER, Supt.,
SALT LAKE CITY.

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From Evanston 10 Oct 1872

RECEIVED AT SALT LAKE OFFICE, NEXT DOOR TO WELLS, FARGO & CO.

To W. S Keyes
Care Geo Hearst.
Townsend House

Can You arrive Winnemucca
trade if so will join you
Henry Jamin
10 fa

Connecting lines to Eastern and Western States, Europe, and all points in Utah, including Cottonwood, and Tintic Mines, also with Pioche, Nevada.

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Everything satisfactory I must
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JAS. T. CLASBEY. CHAS. READ.

OFFICE OF

CLASBEY & READ,

Little Cottonwood.

Miners' Outfitting House.

Alta City, Utah, Nov 1st 1872

Prof J E Clayton

Sir

I visited the Lexington this morning - The vein at seventy feet deep looks well - is not less than four feet wide -

I send you a fair sample taken at that point - The vein leaves the shaft at this point at about an angle of sixty five - from the horizontal - The lower twenty feet is sunk in the foot wall

If the sample I send you - has a fair prospect of silver in it - then the prospect is well worth the money asked for it - At seventy feet deep it is a large - well defined channel of ore

Respectfully

T Kolbath

Sheet I hope
give my love to
Miss and Willie
Excuse a short you
Self
J. G. Philmire

Darwin Cal
Nov 18th 72

Cousin George
As requested
I write you I arrived
at Darwin all right
found Mr Sargent
presented the note you
gave me to Mr Sargent
got imployment in
the mines almost wore
me out now I can sit
~~can sit~~ on the dump
and watch for the Ross
All the same as and
Old miner I have
charge of the boarding
house I pay a cook
$70 per month &
charge the men $10 per

Week for board pay the
Company one dollar
per week on the man
to carry my provisions
I find this country
as you represented
very rugg it is healthy
the only redeeming
quality it has
Whilley is well and thinks
the mishes will prove good
you seen the Minit
Gun owned by Dyer
and Company they
want to sell me
one fourth I want to
know if you will
incorporate for us if
we will give you a share
in the mines they offer
me one fourth of minit
gun and one fourth of
the spring where you
get water to supply the
camp at present ~~to~~
I can buy for
eight hundred dollars
I would like for you
to give me your advice
if you think I can make
any thing on the trade
I will buy as get them
on terms that I can
pay for them I will
not let the Boys
know I wrote to you
if you want to buy
the mines you will
get just as cheap as
if I was not interested
I whish you would
write soon tell me
what you think
of the minit gun
excuse this dirty
paper as it is the

2:26 MINING CORRESPONDENCE 1873-1876

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Bullion City January 12th 1873

My Dear Harry

Your letter to me dated Nov. 22nd 1872 was not recieved until last evening, consequently I knew not where to write you while in San francisco. I think when I last wrote you, the B.B. & N. were looking well, in fact they were looking well at that time. They were then running along by the side of what we then thought was a good ore seam, but which afterwards proved to be nothing but a thin scale, and was all easily knocked down, which of course left no ore standing. They have been working ever since I wrote you the same as before, drifting South on both lines, and have as yet found no ore

About 10 days since they cut through to West Wall (from face of drift) in B.B. but found no ore. distance through from drift to wall about 8 feet. No ore in Webster in face nor side of drift. In fact both Mines shows up nothing of any account to day. And it is my opinion they never will unless they are worked different. Both Mines are working very hard, consequently, they make but little headway. which I think is all the better for the Mine, if it is for Sale. I have been quite sick for a few days past and feel very little like writing. I would of liked to have written you more favorable, but I cannot tell a lie. I hear nothing from Chambers. has he gone back to his Mother

With Kind Regards for Yourself and family I remain Yours Truly W.W. Woodall

Salt Lake City Jany 21. 1883

My dear Dearest

Have had all the papers & maps ready for a long time and have been ready to leave for London, but have been unable to get final report bound. Professor Clayton was here some two weeks, but I could not get him to go to the mines. and from last account from them. (which I enclose) dont think it would be any use. Our only chance to sell those mines. at present is on foreign reputation, and the sooner they are offered the better. if you wish me to go to London, wish you would

Salt Lake City April 28th 1893

My dear Dearest I hope as soon as your suit is over in Peoria you will make it convenient to come to this city and look after the Mono Mine they are now down 400 feet and have an immense body of Ore in sight. they have not stoped out any Ore but have run some levels proving the extent of their vein. I believe you could make

come up here at once and go with me to see these mines and arrange price terms bond &c &c have secured an extension on the "Eagle Bird" and have hopes to place it in London.

I have a property secured up here which if you would come up and satisfied you would take hold of it is a Mine. No prospect has produced several thousand tons Ore and of a good grade will produce 80 tons per day. Good smelting Ore plenty Wood & Water better Mine than the Miller. Come and see. Write me early as I leave for New York next week and only wait your answer Yours truly

H A Halcomb

arrangement with them, to take their Mine, and stock it on very advantageous terms. they assure me that their Net profit on Ore, taken from Mine last week was $2,000.00. it is certainly to good property to leave alone.

Chambers write he will be home on the 6 inst. cannot say what he has done, as he does not mention his success. Want you also to see the Lexington party. think a deal may be yet made.

Yours truly
H A Holcomb

Reel city feb 15th 1873

George Hurst Esq.
Sanfrancisco Cal

Dear Sir

As I did not have the pleasure of forming your acquaintance when you were out here, I write thinking that possibly we might do some business together if everything was understood by you. My partners are Mr A N Town, Mr Miller, & H S Paine and James Campbell, when they took hold with me they were to develop the whole property; in place of doing that they quit work about one year ago and have done nothing since. and are not likely to. I think I can buy them out for what they have invested about $9000.00 1/2 cash and the balance to be paid from the net proceeds of the first ore taken out.

now Sir my proposition is this. to any party who will furnish me with the money to buy my partners out and agree to run a tunnel which I have located 800 feet they can have 4/5th of the entire property about 12000 feet of ground in a bodely. the Tunnel will strike several veins and I think will more than pay for itself —

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San francisco Cal

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Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.

The improvements on the Property are as follows
3 Shafts 25 feet Deep each & one 80 feet each
and one tunnel 260 feet run mostly through vein matter
but to high in the Shafts are and vein matter all the way
are assays from 30 to 250 ounces per ton - Silver and
from 20 to 60 per cent lead.
I will contract to run the tunnel 800 feet for
$13 auryoe coin or I will Superintend the Work at $200
per month.
Please give this matter your earnest attention at let
me know your wishes in regard to it at your earliest
convenience. but Do not mention a word of it to
any of my Partners as that would Spoil all.
I forgot to mention that we have two buildings
on the Property 14 & 30 each.
if you should conclude to come out here and
examin this Property let me know when you start
it is a rather unfavorable time now there being so
much Snow on the Ground about three feet
Please answer at your earliest convenience
Respectfully yours
Geo D Hendrick
PS I now have the control of this Property

Nov 15 / 72

Dear Heart
I rec'd yours & George's
telegrams last evening — Damon
goes up to day to see whether
or not there are any judg-
ments or liens against the
claims we bought of Fip Top
May flower & Rexam. They
say they want to be sure this
time and I have agreed to
delay a few days to give them
time to do so, as to the con-
veyance to them I shall be

particular to see that they get nothing but the Richmond & Top Top ground –

Lane is here for me to examine his mailest & I have been too busy to do so. – He seems to me to be a very sanguine man rather too much so for mining operations & I fear a great of him & his plans –

Ferris (for Wells Fargo & Co.) is very anxious to have that – business settled up the Bullion matter & send him your note

San Francisco. Sept 25/72

My dear Heart.

I have rec'd your several telegrams. The Hill matter stands thus. Money is too tight to buy his mine except to sell immediately We dont want any more mines at any price but we do want to get rid of what we have. I therefore agreed with Hill to send either Lacin or Ashburner to examine report on the mine (& upon that report and Keyes report I expect to sell the stock) and if that report is satisfactory

I am to pay the 50000£ to the
men. pay Hill & Hankin
50000: in four months without
interest & take Hills position.
Ashburner is sick and is
going east and cant make
the examination — I wish
agend to go to day but now
inform me that he cant
till before morning whether
he can go or not in the
mean time Hill leaves
in the morning and I am
to telegraph him again
whether he can go or not

Yreka June 14th 1874

To Messrs. Hegan and Terrap
San Francisco

Gentlemen I wish to refair you again to the Yreka Creek Enterprise This mine is a bout four miles long and will average a bout 3 hundread yards wide - but you will have to have more ground to make this complement. than was represented to you in the hands - There has been various opinions a bout opening this creek and work [redacted] Some, and they all agree on the most Extraordinary plan - that the tunnel from the River striking five hundread yards up the Creek. I think this tunnell would be a determint to working the mine rather than a benifit. this is strictly a Bed rock flume all the way and cutting the rock and laying in the flume would be one half of working the mine and laying the flume.

350. 2. 5. 3.50

Opening the mine Tunnell or open cut - open cut I am shure has the most advantage and I think has several advantegen this plan would not cost more than five thousand dollars - where as the Tunnell 20.000 or 25.000 - This is certenly the best mine in the state because all its whole Ere contains gold in paying Quantyty - The ditch has been put in running by the Chinemen and probely has not cost more than five thousand dollars. I think you had better form a company and open this mine as it is very easy worked when opened I am shure there is [illegible] Thousand dollars invested. I dont know what you can get all the ground I have Discribed for - you need not pay any attention to what you here about this property in its favour or against it - There is very few Miners here that knows anything about mining property. and I am shure those that did know - I believe that you have been told the ditch would take any company up that would remediate to run it and that the mine would not pay running out of the 60 grade the flaum would have - when I speak of the mine paying I consider the richeness of the ground and the grade compared - If you think favourable of this Send some competent Engenear and let him consider every point - but I think mining Engenears has not considered low grades yet as the mill hereafter - I am one of the claim owners. Yours respeaffully

William Booth

If you more here I could better point out the advantages of this mine than I can write to you. There is an Eastern company considering this mine now - I dont know who the are but an expert of theirs has sent them a map of the creek and ditch a month ago -

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George Hearst Esqr

Sir

Your address was given to me recently
you having left some in the town
of Galena so that the could communicate
to you in relation to some claims
I thought after coming for work
to day - I would drop you a few
lines: Can you hand us some good
mines to advantage at present if so
what kind of mines. or one is preferred
or can be most readily disposed of
in market I have three groups of
mines - one group is copper & mines
plenty of timber and water handy
another group 6 mines part lead. part
copper. part milling ore -
the group I am now working
on is Spar ledges - good ore
mixed in character district just
formed. please answer if you think

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Mines - One group is Copper 5 Mines
Plenty of timber and water Hard
smelt - group 6 Mines part lead. part
Copper. part Milling Ore -

The group I am now working
on is Lateral ledges - good ore
Mixed in Character distinct fast
Workers Please answer if you think

Will Enough of an Equal Interest
for putting them in Market
I Can if necessary give you the
Best of reference in Sanfrancisco
etc if you need such

Yours Resp
H. R. Webber

P. S. Please address
J. R. Webber
Bitter Mountain
care of Pacht

July 12th 74

OPEN ALL NIGHT.

San Francisco, Nov 17th 1874

Geo Hearst

Dear Sir I received a letter from my partner in Wallapai district who writes me that he and two others found a rich mine Chloride ore free from ~~base~~ fine milling ore The mine is Situated in Peacock Mountain twenty five miles from Wallapai the mine is Easy of access Can drive a loaded Wagon to or from the mine without the Expence of Making Roads they had not Sunk down on the mine when he wrote me but this rich ore Shows upon the Surface for the distance of 1500 feet If it holds as good as it goes down it is the best thing in that or any other County there is plenty Wood and Water within one and a half miles of the mine Now I want you to answer this Immediately for I am anxious to See this mine and If it is as big

and as rich as they say it is I want
us to get hold of it with a little pull
on such ore we can make all the money we
want I send you 8 assays taken from the
surface and a long the entire length of
the 1500 feet I wrote the parties to hold it
until I got down the news from Wallapa
is good I want you to arange it so one
or both of us can go down immediately
as there is other parties in there picking up
good things I showed Mr Haggin
the assays he advised me to write you
Hoping to see you soon
I remain your friend,
S. M. Atchison

San Francisco March 13th 1875

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir!

On making inquiry at your office to-day, I learned you had not returned from Nevada. It was my desire to have another interview with you but cannot as I will have to leave for the East tomorrow morning.

It would have pleased me if I could have made some deffinite arrangement with you before I returned. for I am very sanguine

B H Belcher

that you would like the property. I am of opinion there is not another body of mines (out side the Comstock) in the United States that will be ~~some day~~ as valuable as the Prairie Basin mines. "Monument, Tiger Blue. Tower. Viar. & Home State."

I go from this place to Chicago, will be in Corinne Utah from the 20 of April until the 1st of May. would be pleased to receive a letter from you at Corinne, with advice as to whether you intend to go up to see the mines, and if so when.

Very Truly
Geo. L. Sloup

EXCHANGE
Banking and Express
COMPANY.

OFFICE OF
WELLS, FARGO & CO'S
EXPRESS.

Battle Mtn May 23 1875

Geo Hearst

Dear Sir

Will you please telegraph me how our old Friend is getting along. Still hope to hear good News from you that he is better and will get well again what appears to be the Matter

Evans went back to the Mine again after we showed him your dispatch with the understanding that Nothing farther should be done untill we got advices from you. He said you could arrange it with Murphy & Byrne in San Fran and has written them to that Effect. You can see them

EXCHANGE
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OFFICE OF
WELLS, FARGO & CO'S
EXPRESS.

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and fix it to your own satisfaction. and as far as I am concerned I am with you. as I love you and Beachy here. and anything you do I will agree to it if reasonable

The mine is showing up well where they are stoping out ore. I had an assay of a piece of medium looking rock which went 1880^{00} in silver and there is tons of the same kind in sight and in the dump

I think there is big money in this thing and I want to see you make it. I think you can double your money inside of three months. Hoping to hear good news from you I remain Yours truly
A Robertson

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PACIFIC DIVISION 201

OF THE

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LELAND STANFORD, President.
R. P. HAMMOND, General Manager.

F. L. VANDENBURGH, Gen'l Supt.
San Francisco.

Battle Mtn 31 1876

Received at S F Jany 31 1876 11 26 am

To George Hearst
Nevada block

Pay Jasper McDonald
four hundred dollars
for Huntsman Charge
my account memasters
at Lewis today when
will you be here
A Robertson
Napa 250 pm

Please Answer by this Line.

Office Cascade B G Mining Company,

No. 37 & 38 New Merchant's Exchange, Third Floor,

J. M. BUFFINGTON, Secretary.

San Francisco, Sept 6 1875

CASCADE BLUE GRAVEL MINING COMPANY.—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California; location of works, Nevada Township, Nevada County, California.—Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on the [illegible] day of July, [illegible] an assessment (no. 3) of [illegible] per share was levied upon the capital stock of the Company, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, 311 California Street, Rooms 4 and 5, second floor, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the [illegible] day of August, 1875, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the thirteenth day of September, 1875, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors.

[illegible] Secretary.

Office, 311 California Street, San Francisco, Rooms 4 and 5, second floor.

[illegible]

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find notice of asst, which has been levied to pay Mr Knox for moneys advanced. A large number were sold out at last asst. if all had paid we should not have levied this.

Truly Yours

J M Buffington

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J. M. BUFFINGTON, Secretary.

San Francisco, Sept 6 1875

CASCADE BLUE GRAVEL MINING COMPANY.—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California; location of works, Nevada Township, Nevada county, California.—Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 20th day of July, 1875, an assessment (No. 3) of Ten Cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary, at the office of the Company, 311 California street, Rooms 3 and 4, second floor, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 26th day of August, 1875, will be delinquent, and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the thirteenth day of September, 1875, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. By order of the Board of Directors.

J. M. BUFFINGTON, Secretary.

Office—311 California street, second floor, Rooms 3 and 4, San Francisco, California. jy22td

Geo Hearst Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find notice of assn, which has been levied to pay Mr Knox for moneys advanced. A large number were sold out at loss assn if all had paid we should not have levied this.

Truly Yours

J. M. Buffington

Note to researcher: Retake of preceding frame.

1875

Soda Creek Dec 14th

G Hurst Esq

Dear Sir

When you were here last Summer you told me if I would procure some Quartz from a Ledge I was telling you about you would assay it. by this Express I send you a small quantity from the Lode we talked about the Lode is 25 feet thick and is cut by a Stream running through it showing the same width ~~one foot~~ Hundred feet below the Surface the Leady looking Stuff sent you Composes in this

of the Ledge. there is a number of other Ledes within half Mile of this vein I speak of. they are located about 20 Miles from the Town of Marion in the Dominica Country Should you consider the ore worth testing I will be glad to hear from you on the Subject, any information you wish to know I will take pleasure in forwarding. what ever your charge are for assaying Send over to me or through the Express as you choose hoping for an early answer I remain

Yours Truly
R. E. Smiley

Darwin Inyo Co Cal Nove

Cousin George W Scool a share holder in the Lone Star & Eclips Mines Wishes you to get of J. F. Childs one thousand Shares of the unassesable and Eight hundred and fifty of assesable Lone Star and Eclips and forward the same to W Scool Darwin Scool refuses to give me four hundred Shares if you send the Stock to him

W Scool per

J. F. Whitmire

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W Scool thinks Childs is Selling his (Scool's) Stock and wishes you to see to it immedialably

Darwin Inyo Co Cal Nove 17th 1876

Mr J. F. Childs

Please deliver to George Hearst

1000 one Thousand Shares of Lone Star & Eclipse unassesable & 850 Eight hundred and fifty of assesable

And oblige W Scool

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OFFICE OF

COSMOPOLITAN HOTEL!

BLACKBURN & MORRISS, Propr's.

San Luis Obispo, Feb. 15th 1877

Mr. Geo Hearst

Dear Sir

I have in my power, a power of attorney to act in the sale of the interest of Jose Pico my brother and I would say to you, in case that you shoul want to purchase, that intrest, as it is for sale, and you are the ~~no~~ only interested party and owner of that ranch, should you favor me with an answer, immediately, and tell me wheather you wish it. I shall act on the sale, because, my brother wants to go to Sonora and says to me, to sell it as quick as I can, you told me some time ago to let you know, whenever they would like sell therefore I let you know, as the land will be sold perhaps to a party of Swiss men

tell me what you are willing to pay persace you highest price, and I shall see your agent or I shall tellegraph right away as the land shall be sold and remain

yours very truly

Zenobio A. Pico

Virginia City Feby. 18th 1877

Mr Geo. Hearst

San Francisco

Dear Sir

Your favor of Feby 14th came to hand in due season. You Say you have made arraingments with Mr Shultz for me to examine the Bullion Mine at any and all times and that he would write me to that effect &. (which up to this date he has not done) for the exclusive benifit of Mr Shultz and yourself. which is all right and Satisfactory. but upon turning over the Sheet I See in pencil in the hand write of J. W. Pearson these Words. answer J. W. Pearson Care E. F. Hall & Co. Hearst. Now Friend Hearst this part of the letter I do not understand. in as much as I do not care to open a correspondence with either of those Gentlemen. therefore you will please explain on receipt of this what is meant and what you wish me to do. if you and Mr Shultz desire me to visit that Mine and examine it from day to day as I may think it necessary in order to report intelligently and to report to you and him only I would be pleased to do So. if you will carry me Some Stock in the Mine to pay me for my Services that being the only way I could

expect to get paid for my time & trouble. our business arrangements here being such as to effectualy bar me from taking ~~—~~ advantage of anything that I might see in the Mine to buy Stock on my own account. Now friend Lee. having time and great confidence in the future value of that Mine an arrangement that would enable me to watch developements there with Some Stock to make me interested would Suit me very well and I will pledge my word to post no outsider

please answer this at once if you wish to make any arrangement Stating what you will do and how you will do it &c I think very important Developements will be made there Soon. as I understand work will be resumed in the crosscuts tomorrow. Nothing or at least very little having been done in the Mine Since the water was topped on the 1600 ft. level. I am inclined to think from moves all along the line that the next three months will be very prosperous and numerous chances offer where money can be made with comparitive Softy

hopeing to hear from you Soon I am Sir

Very Truly yours

W. H. Clarke

H. G. ROLLINS,
U. S. SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

J. A. ROBINSON,
CHIEF CLERK.

U. S. Surveyor-General's Office, CALIFORNIA.

306 PINE STREET, (UP STAIRS,)

Official letters, etc., pertaining to the business of the office, should be addressed to the "U. S. Surveyor-General's Office, Post Office Box No. 2260."
Be particular to describe the land you write about, by Section or parts of Section, Township and Range.

San Francisco, April 6th 1877

George Hearst Esq
San Francisco.

Sir:

This office has received instructions from the Hon Com. Gen Land office Washington, dated March 27th 1877. ordering a new survey of the "Loyal Lead Quartz Mine" claimed by you;

Very Respectfully,
H. G. Rollins
U. S. Sur General.

Galena July thy 13 1877

Friend Hurst Dear sir
I now draw you a few lins in regard to thos mins in Galena I have relocated they Atlanch & thy varetas they are laying south of thy Atlanch thas New york Co that had them failed to compli With thy laws and I have Located them I was his When you tried to get half of thos mins south of Galena now if you want a chance in them you can get them right thy is But two of us men and thy hale six of thy mountin all thos that you wanted to By when you was hir com and mak us a offer we mea as not able to do any thing With them and will give you

A chance to Bi them if
you will help us out with them
if you want to get hold of
thas mins ya can do better now
than you does any time befor
Cam and look at them and
mak me a noffer for them
and I will give mark for you
on them thas claims East of
them can be bought very low now
they white and chilo mins is
runing in ful blast
Pleas let me know what you
think of it
yours with respect
A Boyes

Amador City July 21st 1877

Mr G Hearst

Dear Sir I think I have found a Good Wittness for you, Thomas Ryan he lives in Amador City you can send some one to find out what he knows

Yours
G L Thomas

P S I am working at Treglons the Fairman mine

wrote to Commissioner Saw office asking him to grant leave without pay

1015 H St. N.W.
Dec. 13. 1887

Sen. Hearst,

Sir:

I am suffering so much with my eye that it will be impossible for me to go out after dark this evening so if I do not see you in the Dept. Wed. I hope to be able to get to your house about 5 o'clock in the evening. I am at my desk during the day.

Respectfully
Ada C. Lammond

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1015 H St. N.W.
Dec. 12. 1887

Sen. Hearst,

Sir:

If you are in the Dept. on Tues. I will be obliged if you will see me. Room 58, Land Office. Should you not see me, I will call at your house Tues. P.M. between 5 and 6 O'clock.

Respectfully
Ada C. Lammond

We call the name La Monde.

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Relating to

Hailey, Idaho Feb

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Relating to

Hailey, Idaho Aug. 2. 1888

Aug 29/1883

He has been absent a week or two
Expect to go to S F in a week or two
Please speak to Mr Haggin about it
Know nothing about the
Probably will be back
well enough to be hope it
not all
night

Sm. George Hearst

Dear Sir I have just returned from San F. While there I tried to get a settlement with Stump for my services as Supt. of the Solace mine Stump entirely ignores me simply saying that I have drawn all I had entitled to which would be at the rate of $200.00 per month Now the circumstances are these before I left for the Solace I intended to see Mr. Haggin and make an agreement but Stump told me not to say anything about it but to go to the mine and do the best I could and that Mr. H. would allow me more that way than any other Now when at work for you and Mr H. at a mine I never

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Hailey, Idaho Aug. 29 1883

Aug 29/83
Received
He has been absent a week or two
I expect to go to S.F. in a week or two
I will speak to Mr Haggin about it
Know nothing about the
Arrangement
but hope it
will come out all
right

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was paid less than $300.00 per month
excepting at the Excelsior where I
received $200.00 but there I was
allowed my house rent board for
myself and wife, servants &c.
making it more than $300.00

In my report of the Solace I
was not in any way mistaken
I told Mr. H. there was nothing there
but was instructed by Mr Cashell
to do certain work At that
time Stump was very friendly but
after that he made such a ridiculous
proposition to me which was to allow
him (Stump) half of what I made
on the outsider which I did not ac-
cept Since that he has done all
in his power to down me So that
today although I am one of your older
employes I can not get a days
work and not even get paid for
what work I have done

Mr. Hauser you know how I have stood
up for you at all times At Moyie
my life was threatened many times
but I remained and at all times
fought for your interest While
looking at and examining mines for
you I never was allowed any pay
and now only ask for what is really
my dues I dislike to have any
trouble with either you or Mr. Haggin
as I like you both and believe both
of you intend to do what is square
with me Still I need the money
and if it is not entered with have
to resort to the courts here All I
ask is $300.00 per month for actual
time spent at the mine Please
see Mr. H. and write me

Yours truly

J. S. Whites
Hailey
Idaho

C. A. Low

George Hearst Esqr

Sir.

Inclosed you will find a memorandum of the names of the gentlemen with whom you are associated in an Expedition about to be fitted out to discover and locate Gold and Silver mines in the State of Nevada and Idaho Territory.

Should the Expedition prove a success two hundred feet will be located in your name in each of the mines discovered.

The discoverer will be entitled to two hundred feet more for making the dis—

covery.

If you conclude not to retain your ground, pay your pro rata of the expenses incurred in fitting out the Expedition, opening & holding the Mine, you will be expected to convey your interest to the other locators gratis.

Respectfully Yours
Charles A. Low.
Corresponding Siety.

Office
No. 436. California St
San Francisco.

Memorandum of Locators—

J. F. Chellis.
C. W. Kellogg.
Ass. Colman.
F. F. Low.
C. L. Low.
C. A. Low.
Wm Sherman.
G. K. Porter.
James Dows.
A. W. Sisson
A. E. Head.
Wm Coddington
Capt. C. M. Baxter.
Alpheus Bull.
John. O. Earl.
E. F. Northman
G. W. Prescott.
O. H. Stoutenborough.
Wm A Aldrich
Thomas Sunderland,
M. J. McDonald.
Geo Hearst.
G. F. Williams
W. W. Dodge
John. G. Bray.

W C Stellpen

Johnson Ave
Mt Pleasant

Saturday 10 P.M.

Dear Sir:

I understand that you may possibly go to Bingham Cañon tomorrow, and I therefore prefer that you may reach Black-Jack Cañon. If so do not fail to visit the French Spy which is located about 300 yards up the Cañon from the "Lucky Boy"

Much cannot be seen at present, as the ledge is not yet struck in the tunnel, but I would like you to see the location in order that you may say something concerning

st to Mr. Haggin on
your return.
Mr. Montes is the
principal owner on
the ground.
Yours truly
Smyth Clark

I leave for San Francisco
on Monday.