

Statement
Powemy Sack Co. Damages, 1882.

No Sack made in 1881 224,600
Running time 222 days

<u>Paid for Dambs</u>	11,039 74
" Coal & Stack	6,622 39
" Labor	9,166 45
Expenses & Taxes	822 43
Interest	1,951 93
Repairs 1881.	3,144 41
	32,747 35

Sack Cost per Bus 14. $\frac{165}{11711}$

Sold 193,500 Bus for 29,392.76 or 15 1/5 cts

On hand 31,088 Bus - or - 2524 small
2422 Large

Liabilities

Powemy Coal Co - due coal & coal on yard	1224 62	3/4 for coal 1/4 " stack
due payroll	1004 65	
due Henry Spring for due Dambs	1226 87	
Bills Payable - including Sugar Bean Free notes \$10.100.	24,422 14	
	\$ 27,878 28	

Assets

2524 Small or 2500	at 75 c	1893
2422 Large or 700	" 95 c	2300
due from Pools nos 2 & 3	Estimated	1000
" " Stacked sacks	"	500
Millery Materials, Milk, Lumber &c		500
Cash, & in Bank		991 56
		\$ 4,184 56

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Dated Franklin Ky July 6 1884

Received at 9 PM
To John Maus Esq Mayor
Proctor Ashland Ky

READ THE NOTICE AT THE TOP.

I am gratified to be assured that the people of Boyd county will see to it that the persons charged with the murder of the Gilburn family shall have a fair and impartial trial. I am sorry to learn that there is a disposition upon the part of persons outside of the county to interfere with the due proper administration of the law whilst I feel that I can safely rely on the people of Boyd to whom great honor is due I deem it best to send such force as with the aid of the people will assure a fair trial and if found guilty

be punished by the law
this is due to the dignity of
the law and the maintenance
of civil society as I am
charged with the duty seeing
that the laws are faithfully
executed will see that it is
done and will use the whole
power of the state if needed
be it

Leide of Blackburn

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Auckland Jan 13th 1882

Dear Cook & Harry

We received Harry's postal today and am glad you have reached Me safely - Lou made a nice quick trip of it from 2 A.M. to 12 A.M. same day & I wish you could have gone with him & then you could have been with us Communion Sunday instead of watching on the Lord's day - Monday I went out to get up Subscriptions to Mr Condit's Salary for 1882, & rode all day Monday - Tuesday Harry went on horseback & also Wednesday

I shall get between 70 + 80 names this year but as the new comes don't give very liberally the amount will be no more if as much as last year - I shall put you boys down for ten as usual - The murder trial still goes on there are a hundred or more soldiers on guard & they sleep in the Court House & have the prisoners in the 3 upper rooms in the Court House - Some think there is a fourth murderer but as yet they cannot prove it - Your father went to Chattahoochee this morning & will go again tomorrow - They are talking some of hiring Mr Bradworth for a lawyer - Gus Bauman is still here in his drug store - The literary club met at Mrs Ailtons

Last night your pa & Lily attended - we have a great deal of rain - it is pouring down now while I write - The girls have nearly finished the Lilk quilt - We were not much pleased with the remarks of the Glee Club about Ashland - Everything is quiet about town - Give my love to Uncle George & Sarah & love & kisses to yourselves from Mother

W. B. Horton.
President.

H. S. Horton.
Secy & Treas.

Office of
Pomeroy Coal Company.

Pomeroy, Ohio. July 17th 1882

Jno Means Esq
Crestland Ky.

Dear Sir.

Enclosed please find statements of
the business of the Pomeroy Salt Co for 1881.
Also of liabilities & assets -

The item in Bills Payable - \$10,100. is for
the "Sugar Run Salt Co Purchase" - We
bought this property - which adjin ours -
at Sheriff's sale - some two years ago -

Yours truly
H. S. Horton Secy

JOHN MEANS.

Ashland, Ky., 29th Jan'y, 1882

E. C. Means

Maritta Ohio. Dear Cooke,

I have had a pretty bad cold for a week or two, and have been obliged to attend Court more or less during the trials of Neal and Craft Neal is convicted of murder, and condemned to death, Craft will be, have a much stronger case against him.

I send you herewith draft on N. Y. for fifty (\$50+) dollars

Ask Uncle George if he can send us some vaccine matter which he knows is pure.

You and Harry had better have him vaccinated.

Yours truly
John Means

party of ten young ladies for Miss Ecca
Linnan - We had lots of fun - Ecca told
so many funny stories I have not
laughed so much since I went to the
Negro Districts - Tonight the Oyster
Club meets at Mrs Condit's - I don't
know whether to go or not, as I have
not any boys to come after me -
I put your coins away safely - when
you are at home again you must make
the girls mark them for you -
Aunt Martha & Geety are still in Wash
ington City having a gay time -
Give my love to Uncle George & Ross
& Sarah - & with much love & kisses
to yourself I am your aff
Mother

I think I wish you that I had had
young Douglas - Anne & Elizabeth
-
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Auckland Feb 15th 1882

My Dear Henry & Cooke -

We are having
a beautiful day, today - Clear Sunshine
& warm - I fear you chance of ice
cream this day, next summer
is a very small one - We have plenty
of new saw dust but no ice - Such a
warm winter that I have very poor
encouragement to go South - Louisa
Lily & Rose left us last night, for
a two days visit to Lou Moore - So
Kess & I are having a lonesome time
Henry, Kess's Mother in Law, has been

expected to die every day for two weeks
& two of the children have been sick.
So he has had to be at home most
of the time - but today he reports
them better - for which I am very
glad - The soldiers & the three
murderers have all left - They
have taken the prisoners to the
Seymour Jail - to stay till they
are hung, which will be in April -
Ellis will be tried after wards -
Gus Baurman was expected to
leave for Boston last night - they
are going there to live - Lemmie
Young has bought their house -
So now we have nothing left to
talk about in Ashland - excepting

of course "hind gals" - when I made a
call this winter - three things were always
discussed - 1st the murder trial - 2^d Gussell
& 3^d Hind gals - So now we will have a
spell of quiet & peace - Amos & Andrews
& Lauson are going to sell out - So
there will be three more less - Amos, Andrews
& Duckwall - Mrs Gathell has not
yet found a house to move into &
so I don't know when she will leave -
Grandpa don't want to move till
April - The new Opera House in
Lewiston was opened on Wednesday
night - The Lucy Coles carried down a
party of 21 from here - Rose & Nyki, Lily
& Richardson - The train gave out before
Pess turn came, so she did not get
to go - Last Friday I had a tea

Albany Ky. 12th Aug 1852

Dear Boys

I am having rather an uncomfortable time with my vaccinated arm, which has been quite sore for two or three days, and makes me feel a little sick. Last Tuesday I went to Court and heard sentence pronounced on Ellis Craft. Neal was sentenced the day before. They have all been sent to Lexington jail to be kept until their execution. As Neal and Craft have carried their cases to the Court of Appeals, Ellis case was continued until the May Term of Court, If perchance the Appellate Court should grant new trial to Craft and Neal, It was necessary to keep Ellis alive, for a witness to the murder. The Attorneys however do not think there will be a reversal of their cases. Wednesday night a party of young folks went down in the new puffer to downtown, at the opening of their new hall.

Thursday night the twins and I went

to Louisa when we staid Friday, coming
back Friday night. Found everything
going on very well there. The furnace
making from 90 to 100 ton per day.

Little Rolt Pebles died yesterday. They
will take the body to Portsmouth for burial,
going by train in the morning. We had
our passenger train ~~leaving~~ in yester even,
and an E. L. #38-Train going out over
together at Walter Wells, just beyond Wm. P.
Nobody was hurt, our engine No. 4, was
considerably damaged also 5 or 6 coal
cars marked up - The fault, was on
the part of their Train dispatcher, or tel.
operator. They have not found out which;
but ~~our~~ men were in the right. Our
Train had order to pass at Colinton, while
the other had order to pass at Coaltown.

Mays is getting our track up in good order
with cinder ballast - Raining now.

Remember me to all our friends -

Yours truly
John Meigs

Albany Ky, 12th May 1882

Dear Cooke

When I wrote Harry last week Mr Maynard was here and anxious to fix a day for the marriage of Lily and himself, but as yet the day is uncertain. He left for home Monday evening in the Portona, which came up that day for the first time since 29th of December last. On Wednesday we held a meeting of the Norton Iron Works directors.

Thursday noon I left via E. L. & P. S. for Frankfort 7¹⁰ A.M. and reached F., at 3¹⁰ P.M., being my first trip over the road. The new part of this road, I found in better order than the old, from Mt Sterling to Lex.; and much better than I had expected to find it. Saw Judge Peters place, but did not see him. Mt Sterling is the best station for business between this and Lex. Frankfort was about as usual. I spent most of the time with Labe Moore, who is one of the ~~ablest~~ best men in the Legislative body.

The arrangement of them being very far behind

Met P. O. Butler in Lex, who knew I was coming, and on the lookout for me. He is well pleased with what they have done and the prospect for further increase in the coal business. They have sold and we have shipped some 1700 tons through - He had made sales a day or two before, in Frankfurt, being the first in that market.

Work on the new station house is going on, as fast as weather permits. The frame is all up, it will be a month or two yet before ready for use. Remember me to all the friends.

Yours truly
John Means

Manilla Ohio
Feb 13/1889

Dear Tom

There is not very much news and as I have not received a letter for some time past I have no questions to answer.

You have had a trial and it is over do you think the hanging will be on the 11th of April next. It is raining today.

The Glee Club had a very good house last Friday night and it was much better than it was in Kentucky.

Please ask Henry Karnapp whether he cleaned my gun (?)

The next thing I want to buy
is a Bicycle you can tell Mom
that ~~it~~ is my notion to save up
and buy one unless she will give
me one maybe I can trade my gun
for one Tell her if she can
sell my printing press for \$10 or
\$15 to sell away, but not to sell the
cards, for Lou owns half of them

Slight rise in River

A Mr Barnes preached in the
Presbyterian Church this morning
a 38 minute sermon

Uncle George & Mr Rose
send their love to all
Love to all from Harry & I.

Yours truly
O. C. Means.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Miss Lily Means

Ashland

Care Jno Means Esq.

Ky.

Marietta Ohio
Feb 16 1882

Dear Lily

Every thing is going swimmingly, Mr & Mrs Cadwalader give a party Friday night for the Ladies & Gents of this Burg some of the elder students got bids. When you studied Geometry you probably found out how to draw if you did not why you just didn't have as much to do as we do. Harry has been trying to draw a "Maltese" Cross for the last 2 hours and has not got one to suit therefore my postal, I suppose as I write for Harry & I should end up as Harry sometime does ~~we are glad~~ to hear you are well, we are well love to all from all the ~~Cooks~~.

Marietta Ohio
Feb 19 1882

Dear Father

There has been but very little going on for the past week.

The revival still continues under Mr Burner at The Methodist church - and at the Congergationalist under the ~~the~~ management of the Young Peoples Association. All the churches are trying to arouse revivals and the noon prayer meeting at the College seems to be a fixed fact, and it is well supported by a number of the students, and also by the Profs, having an average attendaunce of about 20.

Lou's mother is still here but will return at the begining of the week, how Lou will stand it I am hardly able

to say, he says he will come with
the crowd next time, he seems to think
he has been so homesick because he
came on that 2.30 AM. all by ~~his~~
himself.

We had a very interesting meeting
at the L.O.V. Hall last night one
of the attractions was a trial,
in which the counsels and judge were
dressed in the style of "Ye Olden Times")

The Literary Club meets at Mrs Slakes
this week.)

We have taken up Trigonometry
with Prof. Rossiter and Cicero De
Amicitia with Prof. Chamberlain, we
are doing more studying now than
ever before and I am beginning to feel
the effects thereof.

~~The~~ I came very near having a chill Thurs
but Uncle George gave me so medicine which
kept it off. We kicked foot ball Friday for the
first time this year Love to all yours etc E.O. Mean



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr John Means,
Ashland
Boyd Co.
Ky.

Marietta, O. Feb. 22. '82

Dear Father
Your Letter of the 19th
was received this
morning with its ~~good~~
good news and we are
glad to hear that you are
all well. We would like to
have the money for this month
board (~~\$25.00~~) \$25.00 each, and
also \$25. more a piece for each
of us. we are all
well and send ~~to~~
all love to all at home
~~the~~ College boys only had
one recitation today and no
exercizes in the chapel
this afternoon. because this
is Washington birthday
Your son
Harold Means

You speak of
being vacan-
ated. I am
Min & I all
were. Last week
arm was the
only one ^{that} was
safe. It was
real sore for
a while but is
all right now
though the
scar is on as
tight as cord.
"That's very rare
arms" if quite
a common
expression. &
has gotten to
be a standing
joke. Louisa
Smith & Bessie
Scott both had
over sore arms
from the ladies' room

summer want she: & bring some one with
her. we wouldn't like to miss our visit
from her altogether. but that will be
very nice that way.

You didn't tell me when Mr May-
nard was to visit you. I am quite anx-
ious to hear about it. and what you are
going to talk me the next time you
write to me are you going to get ahead
of Frank Beck & Cliff Skurgeon this
time & tell me the date before I
hear it from them? I hope so.

Lily I hope you will excuse the mis-
take in this letter. the folks have
been keeping up a rather lively con-
versation ever since I began to write
& consequently I have forgotten what
the word was that I was trying to
write next & several times have found
myself writing a word that I didn't want
at all.

Bessie was giving a with egg
last Sat. to be given until next
Sat. I hope the sheep will do some
good. He needs something early.
Mary went well at all now. she was
sick all the last time I heard
from her. that was last Tuesday
I wonder if you know Jennie Peabody
went home with Mame four weeks
ago. I had a letter from her (Jennie)
last week. she thought then she would
come home this week. I don't know
whether she will or not. Mame
wants her to stay in Indianapolis as
long as she can. would like to have
her stay there all the time. but Mame
doesn't like that & I don't think she'd be
sketchy to live there. she'd be surprised
a little too much at home too.
Now I guess I had better not write
any more this time. write to me as soon
as you can. and tell me when you
will come up. you say you
think you will stay a
few days. I don't think the
road will stay a
week after a
only say
1888

By dear Lily:
Your very welcome letter reach-
ed its destination. Last Sat. and I was
glad to hear you were thinking of
visiting us this spring. though I most
sincerely do hope the road will be in
better condition when you come to see
us than it is now. or has been for a good
while past. just at present the "beauti-
ful Blue Muskingum" is over the road the
greater part of the way between Dresden
& Adams Mills. I don't know how it will
be when the water falls. but am a little
in hope that the worst part of the road

I am your cousin Berdie.

may have a little chance to settle while
it is under water. That is the second mile
this side of D. above Mrs Cox's you know.
The rest of the road was nearly good. The
last time I was over it, and I want
Lily Means to enjoy her last visit at
our home. I haven't heard anything of
Aunt Sarah since Ma and Min were in
E. & took tea with her last Oct. or the
first of Nov. I forget which it was. but she
was feeling pretty well then. was able to
be down street, and I think it would be
very nice for me to go down & see her, when
you come to see me.

Min came home from Cochocton yesterday
after making a two weeks visit there. she
went up two weeks ago last Wed. & staid
the first week with Marnie Hunt & the
rest of the time with Mrs Walker, and
agrees with me that Cochocton is a lovely
place to visit. but I want say anything
more about it. for fear she will think I'm
telling what I ought not to. I said a little

while ago. I was going to write to you &
she thought if I did she couldn't write
to Bee, as she had intended. this morning,
but I promised not to tell every thing.
Laura & Ida Smith stayed with me
all last week. Laura came home with
me from church on Sunday and was here
until Tuesday then we took her home
and brought Ida down, and she stayed
with me until Friday. I enjoyed her
visit ever so much. it is the first visit
of any length that Ida has made us
for a long long time. I think it was
two years last summer since she had
been here to stay more than one night.
I think Ida is so much nicer now than
she was when she was such good friends
with the Cox family. she seems more
like her old self. I think she is one of
if not the nicest girls we have, and
think you will like her very much
when you come up to see us this spring.
I suppose Bee will come up in the

Arlaud Ky. 26th May 1882

Dear Boys

Your letters and postals came slowly the past week, owing a embargo on the Sevier Valley RR. For these days we received no mails, but Friday P.M. the first train came through. Mr Putnam only reached here yesterday noon at 10^o 30" - having spent 3 nights in Chillicothe - Father and Sam Adams were up and stayed all night with us Wednesday going home in the Telegraph Thursday.

Uncle "Billy Reeborn" came up and spent Saturday in Arlaud, seeing his old friends. Mr Minin came with him. He looks very well, and seemed to enjoy his visit. Mr. Graham called on us last evening, looking quite hearty after his visit to the "Fattuland". He brought me a present of a nice Meerschaum pipe, and fans for your mother and sister. Is spending his time at Clin Hill, near where

he has some land, which he proposes
to sell. The Irving Club met at
Mrs McKenzie's, this week.

Last night a party of young folks
went to Ironton in the Lucy
Coker - Lily was our representative
I expect, to go to Lawrence town
night and to return Thursday or
Friday. Enclosed find draft
on New York for One hundred (\$100)
dollars. Mrs Bartlett now
expects to get Jack Crawford home
and if so, to move soon.
Father wants to move about the first
of April next.

Remember me to all the friends.

Yours truly
John Means

Harry says he thinks Our
Room ought to be papered and
the ceiling fixed up sehr gut
for he thinks we have the poorest
room of any boy in town and
we ought to have the best, thence
my sentiments exactly -

I wish they would take my
little bed out of that room, and
put in place of it a nice cabinet
of drawers - and glass doors -

Olives are out for this month

Love to all

Your Brother
Cooke.



Marietta Ohio
Feb 26 1882

Dear Rose

Something like
a year ago, I wrote home and
said I was out of school on
account of my eyes, to day I
have to say they are in the worst
condition they been this year, and
that Muck has given me something
with which to bath them, which
affords temporary relief. They
give me most trouble at night
and it is a differnt from what
it was before, it has a feeling
more like when soap gets in them
than any other pain unless it is
when a quat gets in.

I am still going to school and

keep a studying not withstanding
the pain but I will soon have
to make some changes in the
lessons or something else.

This term is the hardest work
I ever struck and it still contin-
ues and I am afraid it that it
is it get in harder, for we will
commence reviewing pretty soon

Wednesday only the Chapel
exercises were attended by the
dutch portion of our class
the rest had to go to greek. of
course you know that day was
Washington's birth day, nothing
like studying dutch although
it is as hard as any lesson we
have at present.

You probably noticed in the
Register about the party at
Van Metres. Harry & I were there
Last party this year.

Bankers Daughter was here
last Monday night Harry went

to it but I stayed at home
every one said they liked
the play.

There has not been as many
shows here, as usual, this
year.

This term ends about the
27 of March -

Low was very much alarmed
about his mother whether she
reached home safe or not
I wish you would try and get
pa to buy a Bicycle for me
or else a billiard & pool table
but at present I prefer the
Bicycle, I let you make it if
you want it, Madam Louise
Armaindo, who is at present
in Cincinnati, says that it is
~~now~~ coming into use among
Chicago ladies - But if you
prefer pool & billiard you
get one of those and a Bicycle for me



Explanation
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Marietta Ohio
March 12 1882

Dear Father,

I suppose the first question is, "When is the wedding to take place?" Marietta is decidedly dull at present very little going on in society, no excitement of Railroads and no high water, now and then a false alarm of fire or some house slightly injured.

This morning we had a 45 minute sermon from a Welsh P.P. Missionary, by name Chidlaw, he also preaches tonight to a union meeting of the Congs & Presbs. The fourth Uncle Tom's Cabin has been here, it seems as though they were never going to stop coming. I suppose they will soon come to an end if they show in every town as often as they do here.

Remenyi the celebrated violinist plays here tomorrow, Monday night. he is one of the finest in the country but is miserably supported. We begin to review in Latin this week.

We have had a good deal of extra work to do in Geometry by some change in the course of study and we will soon begin to review it also. The Juniors have been delivering their orations for the past two weeks on Wednesday afternoons. We will have to declaim once more this year.

Love to all from all, your son,
Quaker
H. Wells.

[15 March 1882]

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California

Left Ashland March 15th 1882
for California, in company with
Bessie, Lily + Rose - Chose down
in the Fleetwood - Capt Campbell - Mr. Tom
O'Richard on board - got in the city at
5^{1/2} A.M. - (Left Ashland at 6^{1/2} P.M.) Mrs
Chinn housekeeper - Bessie Murphy
Cook - Henry Kanap + Henry Hubert
kind men left to run the establishment
at home - Went to the Burnett House -
Stayed till Friday night at 6^{1/2} P.M.
had calls from Mr. Sinton - Mrs. W. W. Means
Lertie Means - Annie Collins + Mr. Mack
who bought our tickets + made all the
arrangements for getting checks cashed
in Fairco by sending a Bank letter ahead
with my signature which will be com-
pared with my signature there to identify
me - So I hope to have no trouble - She
bought some of her wedding clothes +
punted up dress makers + mill shop
more on her return - We reached
Chicago at 9 A.M. Should have been in
at 7 A.M. a ride of 12 hours - found the
road very smooth + car comfortable -
Came to the Palmer House a very grand
building - with marble floors in the
reception rooms - + stairs + hall + the dining
room which is very magnificent - also
the parlors are very large + furnished

Very handsomely in the Egyptian style - Sunday - went to hear Prof Swayne preach in the Music Hall a very large congregation - text blessed are the meek &c - by the meek are meant - Gentlemen - men of culture & intellect & good dress - In the afternoon called on Mrs Huniston - Had calls from Mr Duke - Mr Walter Baber Mr Frank Paba Mr Borden - Miss Clayton - Mr Duke spent Monday morning in getting our tickets & getting us started - left at 12 A.M. Had dining cars on the train meals \$5 + very good - slept well & sea sick in the morning - reached Omaha 9.20 A.M. changed cars - rechecked & bought new sleeping car ticket - weather cool and blowing hard - Country flat & rich black soil - trees small & very few - We found the wind blowing high all through Iowa & Nebraska - filling our eyes with dust - dined at Omaha - It looks strange to see such a flat country with no trees but what seemed to be planted - many of them in straight rows the ground lies flat & the whole country as far as you can see seemed to be cultivated - immense fields seem to have been planted in corn ^{fields} & great hay stacks & many small round hills

with the ground so rich & black & no stones or stumps to dig up it must be a glorious land for farmers - The cotton wood trees are planted about the frame houses to break the wind & in rows together & around the lots & are now tinged with green & about the only trees we see - it seems strange to see so few trees - there are no forests - all are planted - mostly in straight rows - Wed March 22 - Took breakfast at Sydney \$1.00 + very poor - Today see no fences & no trees - but many cattle on the prairie - 3 or 4 Hones - last night saw the prairie on fire - no grass - it was beautiful - these cars go smoother than any road I was ever on I have slept well the night - a lady from Cheyenne says there is not a tree in Cheyenne Cheyenne still blows - but it is warmer the wind still blows - but it is warmer we see large herds of cattle all over the plains - vastness of solitude boundless plains - a stretch of blue, a plain, boundless sky - a stretch of blue, a waste of brown & above a tree, a flower, a stream - nothing but dead brown grass & hundreds of cattle - this vast plain extends 500 miles from east to west & 1000 from north to south - could swallow up millions of inhabitants - saw west through our first snow shed before reaching Cheyenne & saw the black hills of Wyoming many snow fences - Two pleasant I saw Ames Monument - It is the highest of railroad track in the United States 8.24 2 feet ^{high} there is a great deal of snow here & we have already passed snow sheds - they

are like tunnels, only occasionally
a window - we have seen patches
of snow on the sides of the road &
snow on the hills all day - saw the skull
rocks & Dale Creek bridge ^{passed over} from Sherman
you have a fine view of the black hills covered
with snow - just see the Sage brush
trails of red granite - saw a large
flock of sheep - the black hills of Wyoming
& the Medicine bow range the first of the
Rockies have been in sight all the afternoon
we have passed through 15 snow sheds
& are now gradually descending the mount
ain from Sherman March 23 took break
at Deer River & today are passing through
a very desolate country. Sage brush &
Dandelion a desert. No cattle or living thing in
sight most of the time - perfectly desolate -
at noon pass through immense snow
fields the largest we have seen & snow sheds
Aspen is the highest elevation on the Union
Pacific 2 miles ^{from the} summit it is the high
ridge in the Uintah Mountains - has an
elevation of 7,835 feet we have passed through
immense snow fields - we dined at Evanston
where we saw two Indians & many Chinese
& one side of the ~~mountain~~ is called China town
this afternoon we passed through ^{the} ~~the~~
+ Echo Canon - for several miles immense
reddish rocks in iron form & shape some
of them 600 feet above the track are along
the road - they are called by many
names - such as witches rocks - kettle

rock - Castle Rock over a mile with
clones & turrets - Hanging Rock & Pulpit
Rock 50 feet high above the cars - Steam
boat rock - Kettle Rock - Devil slide
gate - & Cathedral Rock - it was inter
esting to have them out by the guide &
pictures taken - the witches in their gray caps
were excellent - also saw the 1077 mile tree
a large pine with a sign on it 1077 miles
from Omaha - the Devils slide is 800
feet composed of 2 parallel edges of granite
14 feet apart - down the mountain side -
we reached Ogden at 6 P.M. & took the
cars for Salt Lake City a two hours ride
most of the time in sight of the Salt
Lake it was a rough road & we were
more tired than over the whole over the
Union & Pacific route - reached Salt
Lake at 8 P.M. went to the Walker House
a pleasant hotel - \$3 a day Friday
March 24th - took a ride of two hours - this
city has the most beautiful location of
any in America - It is completely sur
rounded by the Wahsatch mountains which
are covered with ^{snow} & though fifty miles
away look as if you could walk rapidly
to ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~city~~ ^{city} - the city lies in ^{the} ~~the~~
at their feet - the view from the hill
is perfectly magnificent & reminds
me more of Switzerland & the Alps
than anything I have seen - Our
driver acted as guide & first took us

to the Tabernacle - it is an immense
circular ^{built of wood} building - & seats 12000 & has the largest
organ in America, costing \$100000 -
it is so arranged that you can hear a
whisper from one end standing at the
other - or a scratch on a coat or a pin
drop - it has an immense arch with
no visible support - & it is wonderfully
arranged for sound - they only use it in
summer - the temple near it is used
in winter - The new Tabernacle is built
of granite & will cost \$500,000 - it is
very large & will be very handsome -
He saw the Endowment House - where the
marriages are celebrated - & the tithing
house where the saints were bringing
in their tithes of produce & got some of
the Salt Lake Salt - in pure crystals -
He saw the houses of Brigham Young
16 wives - some in a long row together
with different doors & one, Amelia's
palace the most elegant house in the
city, but now occupied by Taylor
Brigham's successor - while Amelia
Brigham's favorite wife) has to take a smaller
residence - we saw his carriage with
the Beehive Lion on the door - his burial
place - where one of the wives are

buried & about 20 houses where his
sons, daughters & grand children live
he had 16 wives & 47 children 16 boys &
31 girls - he saw one of the daughters
& one of the sons & one of the 16 widows
who seemed dressed in black - (though
the driver said Brigham requested the
widows not to wear black) - He saw the
large Cooperative Store with the all
seeing eye & holiness to the Lord over
the door - The Mormon Theatre a
very large building - & the driver
showed us one gray haired old
Mormon who has six wives & pointed
out many Mormon residences - which
belonged to men having two or three
wives - sometimes they would have
two front doors & sometimes one wife
would live in another part of the
city - Most of the handsome residences
belong to the Linnecs or gentiles - & here
in this city the gentiles are nearly as
plenty as the saints & we saw but
three Mormon stores with the eye &
holiness to the Lord - pure streams of
water run on each of the wide streets - which
are used for irrigating the city in summer
the streets are ^{some} 30 rods & fifty rods wide & have
many trees & many fruit trees & gardens about
the private residences - In summer

with the green trees & Snowy
mountains in the surrounding it
it must be a lovely City -
A Mr Gray called on us who was
raised in Marietta but had seen no
one from there for seven years he
seemed much pleased to meet us -
March 5th Today visited the Museum
a collection of the minerals + birds +
animals of Utah - Saw some very pretty
fossils, + fine specimens of Indian
Indian curiosities &c - The people in the
street have a very foreign look & the men
are very rough looking - March 26th
attended the Methodist Church this morning
heard a very good sermon from Rev. Pundiside
the Church is rich with stained glass windows
& a pipe organ the Sabbath school numbers
over a hundred but the congregation was
small - A pleasant lady, but as her
hymn book & after Church introduced us
to her pastor & he & many of the congregation
a most cordial people - The Episcopalian
came here first - The Presbyterians have a
good Church but none make much
head way - their only hope is the children
There are 2500 people in this City - 2000
are mormons - & only about 250 of the
rest attend the other Churches -
At two P. M. we went to the Mormon
Temple or Assembly Hall - There
must have been over 3000 people present
& a very ignorant foreign looking set

they were - with a few well dressed gen-
tles among them - The organ was quite
large & about 100 in the choir - The
seats under it were occupied by the
Apostles + other dignitaries - one tier above
another - with a pulpit in the center
they have no preacher - but any of the
dignitaries speak - We heard W. Woodruff
& Lewis - Woodruff was one of the first
settlers here - He said Joseph Smith
received his revelation from an angel
& was ordained by John the Baptist
& by Peter James + John - He believed the
Lord was on their side & they would
succeed & all the prophets prophesied
of the glory of the latter day saints -
& they would inherit the earth & be
tribed in a government that would
give them perfect liberty of conscience
to worship God as they pleased -
He read from the book of Joseph Smith
instead of the Bible - After Lewis
spoke next - said he was a convert
to Mormonism & fully believed in the
revelation of Joseph Smith, who was
murdered for his religion & he had
been sent out as a missionary & had
labored among other places at Big
Sandy Kentucky 2000 miles away from home
away from all his friends & there he
made a solemn contract with God -
He said they were called Brites but
he had just as much affection

for his wives & children as other
people - but they must expect
persecution, were it should
be unto death. The service lasted
over two hours. There were a great
many men in the congregation -
They had communion of bread & water
with children & all the mourners
partook of it. The prayer before the water
was that the water might be the emblem
to them of the blood of Christ - the bread
was in cake baskets - & the speaking
was continued through the communion
service.

March 27 - Left Salt Lake for Sacra-
mento at 3 1/2 P.M.

March 28th - stopped this morning
at Dells - being detained by a
wash out -

March 31st - Still at Dells - The wash
out not being yet repaired - We find a
very pleasant set on the east Mr & Mrs
Lawrence & Mr & Mrs Woodward & Mary
from Salt Lake - Mr Baker of Cincinnati
& others - in the evenings we have played
games - & in the day have read & walk
but are getting very tired - Take our meals
at the little hotel - supper lunch - Hoping
every day we will start - were certain
going today but there is another wash
out -

April 1st - 8 A.M. - Started at last -

ride all day through the great Humboldt
desert of Alkali & Sage brush - see many
dead cattle who have been drowned in
the flood -

April 2^d - got up early this morning to see
the fine mountain scenery of the Sierras -
The snow is piled up high - we go through
40 miles of snow sheds - The mountain views
are magnificent - the finest I have seen in
America ^{at any one place} - 4000 feet above the sea - The
mountains are covered with evergreen
shrubs - Artemisias & large pine trees -
at last we come to Cape Horn - The
Grand Canon is beneath us - 2500 feet
sheer down or almost half a mile of
precipice ~~as~~ you look down & see the
American River - & the cars are almost
on the edge of the precipice - trees below you
look like bushes & shrubs like Martin boots -
& southward you see an ocean of mountains
a vast sea of pine, peak & snow -
The first foothold for the workman on the
narrow ledge was gained by only let down
with ropes, from the summit the view is perfectly
grand - probably the finest in America -

We soon begin to descend into the valley
of the Sacramento & it seems like entering
Fairy land - in two hours from Canyon to
May - The peach trees are pink with blossoms
the fields are covered with the green grass
& violets & butter cups & bright yellow California
peppercorns are blooming in abundance by
the road side - There are many

Shrubs in the woods covered with a
white blossom. - & the trees are just coming
into the delicate green leaves of early
Spring. - Transition as we have been for a
week without seeing a bit of green grass
or a tree - the change into this world
of green beauty & Spring, is wonderful -

We reached Sacramento at 10 A.M. & came
to the Capitol Hotel - In the afternoon
we went to the old Helvetia Cemetery
where the dead of 1852 & earlier, were buried
& tried to find Douglas' grave - but we could
not - it is a lovely spot of trees & flowers &
singing birds. & I was glad to find it so beau-
tiful. - Coming back we rode through a
small pretty park & by the State Capitol
It is a magnificent building & the grounds
about it are very handsome -

Monday ^{to day} it is raining & we stay &
rest - There are some handsome residences
in Sacramento - & the yards are large & have
many trees & flowers - I noticed palm trees -
many trees covered with oranges - Japonicas
white & red in bloom - Laurel - roses - Calla
lilies - Purple Glistina - & many other flowers
& many green - trained in fancy shapes -
Magnolias - Cypress - &c. - there are many
shade trees - There are about 2500 inhabitants -

April 4th - Visited the State Capitol -
a very handsome building - went in the
Senate & Legislature Chambers & State Library
where we saw some very fine books of en-
gravings - particularly of the battles of America

April 5th Left on the 2:30 P.M. train for
Red Bluffs reached there at 8:30 P.M.
Mr. Cone met us at the train & we came
out to his rancho 4 miles from town
in his carriage - Friday he took us
in his carriage & Mrs. Cone in
her buggy & drove around the
rancho in the morning - it is
4 miles long & planted in wheat
last year he raised 8000 bushels
our ride around the rancho
amounted to 10 miles - he has
20000 sheep & we rode out to
see part of them - in the summer
he sends them out to a 15 mile pasture
on the mountains - the immense
fields of wheat (about a foot high)
looked beautifully waving like the ocean
willows in the wind & with here &
there a large tree - some of them
are live oak - just enough left to
look pretty - it looked like the
English Parks - We crossed several
streams of water & saw many
wild flowers. We went to the Chinese
vegetable garden of which there are
four - they rent the land of Mr. Cone
& supply him in vegetables - There
is an immense vineyard -

The vines are about two feet
 high & are closely trimmed - In about
 through one or two they were very
 large - he has apricots - cherries - peaches
 apples - Quince - Very large fig trees -
 Strawberries - Raspberries in his back
 yard & 3 fish ponds - The Chinese
 dry the fruit & make raisins of the
 grapes - In the afternoon we went to
 Red Bluffs & made calls on Mrs. Chip
 man who lives on a ranch out of town
 on Mrs. Kimball, who has a lovely
 yard with many flowers - roses in bloom
 a California tree - lemons - etc - Saturday
 6 Ladies came out to lunch & spent
 the day - Sunday, Mamie Cone had a
 chill & I had a headache which lasted
 8 days - Sunday we came into Red Bluffs
 & stayed at the Hotel all night &
 left the cars at 5.30 A. M. for
 San Francisco - Came by the way of
 Stockton - ^{took dinner at Sacramento} the road by Oakland was
 beautiful - a great many eucalyptus
 trees by the road side - Came over the
 bay in a ferry boat - the ferry boat
 house was immense - ~~captured~~
 saw the Golden Gate as the sun was
 setting - so golden & bright it dazzled
 our eyes to look upon it - he came
 to the Palace Hotel & then went

Meals at Wells -

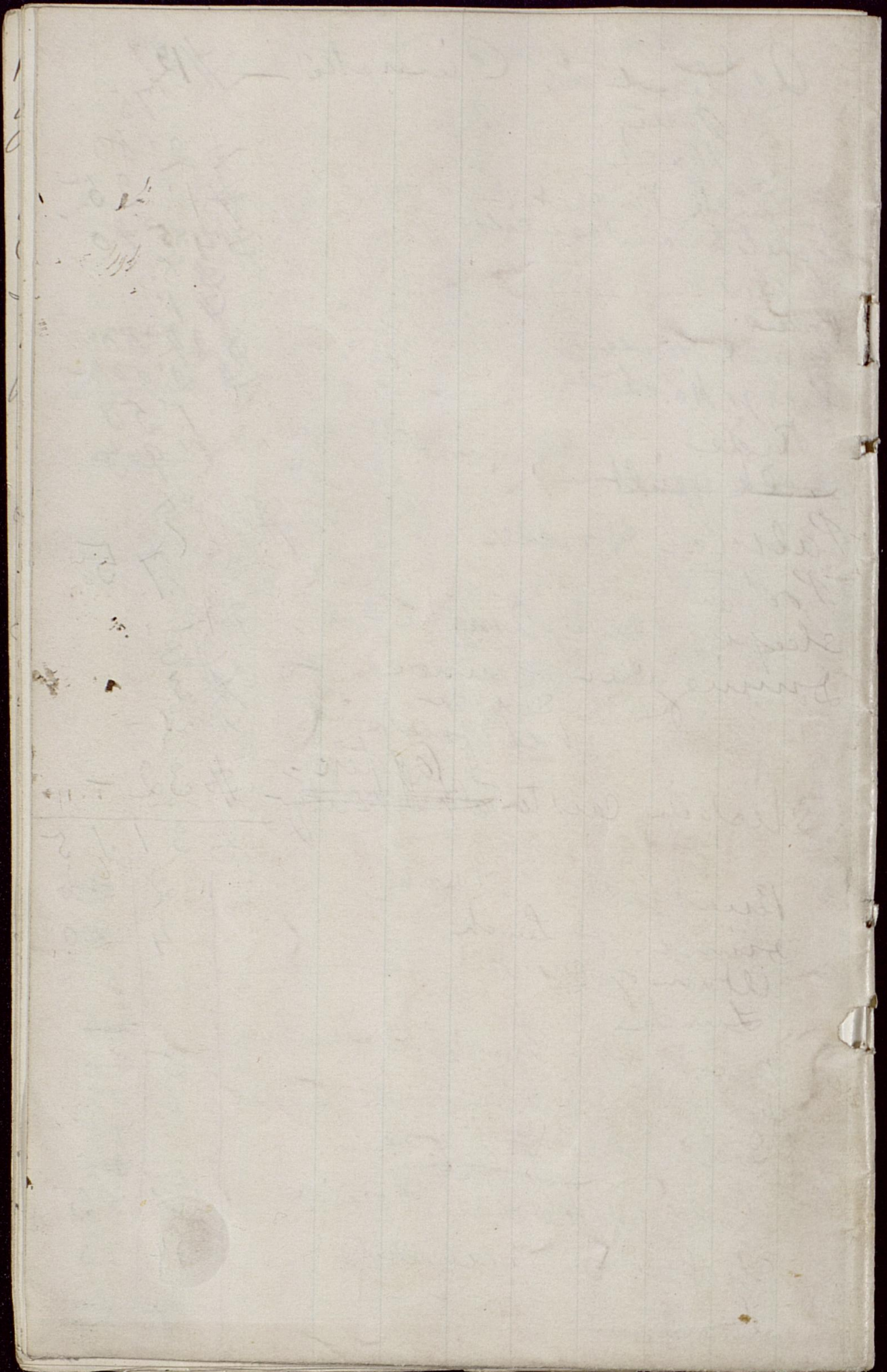
Palace	\$ 17 50
Capitol	1 25
Capitol Hotel Sacramento	28 90
Rail road to Red Bluffs	31 00
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Hotel Red Bluffs	4 25

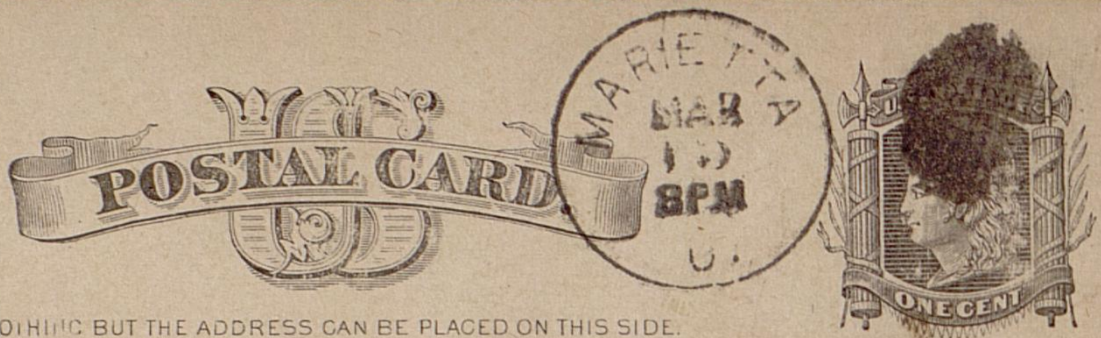
over to the Grand - where we
 have a pleasant room at a
 dollar a day & take our meals at
 the Palace restaurant - which
 will probably cost us \$3.50 a day
 altogether -

Silk quilt - '93	1.75
Book -	1.75
Lunched	3.00
.25	
.20	
.25	
Lunch	2.50
.425	
.70	
4.95	
.25	
.85	
6.05	

Ashland to Cincinnati	12.75
Porter	2.00
Hook	1.25
Lunch Basket	48.40
Tickets to San Francisco	8.00
Sleepers	1.50
Porter	2.50
Burnett House	2.00
Chicago Hook	1.50
Ride	.95
Silk quilt	3.95
Palmer House	7.50
Porter	12.00
sleeping car to Omaha	8.00
Dining car dinner	3.00
Supper	3.00
breakfast	32.00
sleeping car to Salt Lake City	631.15
Breakfast + Lunch	2.00
Dinner + Lunch	4.00
Album of views	1.50
Lunch	2.00
Breakfast + Lunch at Greenham	3.20
fee for driver + Lakeview guide	1.00
Salt Lake pictures	.75
Bill at Walker House	51.85
Sleepers to Sacramento	24.00
Lunch	7.50

Graham
 Palmer
 Chicago
 Greenham
 Lakeview
 Greenham
 Walker House
 Sacramento





NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr John Means
Boyd Co, Ashland Ky

Marietta, Q. March 15th 82

Dear Father

We received
your letter last night with its
good news. We would like to have
\$75.00. ~~\$50.~~ for this month board
and \$25 between us. we are
all well love to all
yours truly
H. Means

Annual Statement

OF

MEANS, KYLE & CO.,

FOR

Year Ending March 31, 1882

OHIO FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1882

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1882

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1882

ASSETS.		ASSETS.	
Cash,.....	193.98	Cash and book accounts,.....	2136.46
Hands' Ledger Balances,.....	1942.98	Merchandise,.....	3334.01
Bills Receivable,.....		Bills receivable,.....	
Merchandise,.....	3334.01	Principal office,.....	
Principal office, <i>Principals Office</i>	10084.10	Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,	10084.10
Invoice of iron and	22851 -	30 tons pig iron at <i>Circumat.</i>	452
Balance cost of 326 3/4 tons iron delivered at Union Landing,	81686.64	821 " " " " <i>Union Lady</i>	22099
	\$120092.71		\$38406.07
LIABILITIES.		LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	1824.51	Book Accounts,.....	5244.90
Hands' ledger balances,.....	3420.34	Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18	
Sales---Pig iron.....	84874.22	<i>Principals Office</i>	20147.55
<i>Principals Office</i>	20147.55	<i>Profit on Merchandise</i>	4823.04
Annual gain and loss to April 1, 18	4823.04	Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1882	8190.58
<i>8 ton Am \$4,500x</i>	\$120092.71		\$38406.07
<i>5 ton Am 2400x @ 3.200</i>			

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Union Landing,.....	25.03 1/2	Number tons iron made,.....	326 3/4
13 1/2 bushels coal..... at 27.63 1/2	1040	Whole number cords wood used,.....	
2 5/8 tons ore..... at 2.558	6447 1/2	" " loads coal ".....	2144 1/2
4/10 " limestone..... at 1.684	676	" " tons ore ".....	8244 3/4
Running up stock,.....	676	" " " limestone ".....	1299 8
Transportation to Union Landing,.....	40	No. cords wood to make one load of coal,.....	
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Union Landing,.....	2.11	" " " " " " " ton of iron.....	
Cost of one load charcoal,.....	15.27	" days furnace was in blast.....	205 1/2
Average sales per ton <i>Union Lady</i>	26.05	" tons daily average product.....	15 3/4
Merchandise sold,.....	28206.11	" " iron sold,.....	4758 3/4
Net profit on merchandise,.....	4823.04	" " on hand,.....	851

Furnace went into blast *June 13*, 1882, and blew out *February 24*, 1882

HANGING ROCK COAL WORKS, BALANCES AND STATEMENT OF COAL MINED.

ASSETS.		COAL MINED AND SOLD.	
Book accounts,.....	6858.89	To Steamboats,.....	364000 373100
Cash,.....		" Sundries by Barge loads,.....	83000 195000
Invoice merchandise at New Castle Store,.....	4011.45	" Retail by Wagon loads,.....	38800 53600
Invoice personal property at mines, X		<i>22 1/2</i>	67900 370600
" " " at Hanging Rock,.....	36101.31	" Quantity on hand, <i>Apr 1 1882</i>	6900 8700
Balance,.....	49941.65	Total Mined,.....	559800 994000
LIABILITIES.		Average Sales per day <i>At Union</i>	997 1022
Book accounts,.....	3874.66	" " " " <i>all Parties</i>	1517 2719
Principal office,.....	32637.43	On hand <i>Apr 1 1881</i>	800 4000
Balance, <i>year for the year</i>	12457.56		
	\$49941.65		

20 Am @ \$50+

PINE GROVE FURNACE BALANCES, April 1, 1882

STATEMENT showing cost of Iron made during blast ending April 1, 1882

STATEMENT showing profits for year ending April 1, 1882

ASSETS.	
Cash,.....	6585
Hands' Ledger Balances.....	447041
Bills Receivable,.....	2071 -
Merchandise,.....	605224
Principal office, <i>Pig iron</i>	132834
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	2468023
Balance cost of <i>2900</i> tons iron delivered at Hanging Rock,.....	6849949
	\$10716606
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	66139
Hands' ledger balances,.....	465839
Sales---Pig iron.....	8128557
<i>Principal Office on Merchandise</i>	1526437
Annual gain <i>and loss</i> to April 1, 18.....	529634
<i>8 Nurtures \$1200</i>	\$10716606

ASSETS.	
Cash and book accounts,.....	453626
Merchandise,.....	605224
Bills receivable,.....	2071 -
Principal office,.....	2468023
Invoice exclusive of iron and merchandise,.....	43 1/2 tons pig iron at <i>Navy Dock</i> 108450
.....	<i>81264</i> " " " " <i>Quinn's</i> 24084
..... 26857
	\$3866807
LIABILITIES.	
Book Accounts,.....	531948
Annual gain and loss, to April 1, 18.....	1526437
<i>Principal Office</i>	529634
<i>Profit on Merchandise</i>	1278458
Balance profit for year ending April 1, 1882.....	\$3866807

REMARKS.

Cost of one ton at Hanging Rock.....	7362	Number tons iron made,.....	2900
<i>1273</i> bushels coal..... at <i>15 1/2</i>	965 1/2	Whole number cords wood used <i>Co. Land</i>	4142
<i>2 1/2</i> tons ore..... at <i>237</i>	580	" " loads coal ".....	1846
<i>3 1/2</i> " limestone..... at <i>109</i>	39	" " tons ore ".....	4250
Running up stock,.....	644 1/2	" " " limestone ".....	1140
Transp'n to Hanging Rock Landing,.....	1 -	No. cords wood to make one load of coal,.....	5 60/100
Average cost of transportation and commission after leaving Hanging Rock Landing,.....	198	" " " " " " ton of iron.....	172
Average sales per ton. <i>at H.R.</i>	2718	" days furnace was in blast.....	16 84/100
Merchandise sold,.....	2438472	" tons daily average product.....	3395 3/10
Net profit on merchandise,.....	529634	" " iron sold,.....	52 1/10
Cost of one load charcoal,.....	1517	" " on hand,.....	

Furnace commenced blowing *May 25*, 1881, and blew out *Dec 21*, 1881

PRINCIPAL OFFICE, HANGING ROCK, BALANCES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
<i>Out One Notes</i>	1212415	Pine Grove Furnace,.....	
<i>U.S. Bonds</i>	101250 -	Ohio Furnace,.....	
Gain and loss to April 1, 18 <i>U.S. Co. Mica</i>	7000 -	Bills payable,.....	375 -
Cash, <i>Bank Acct</i>	31471510	Individual Accounts,.....	1080387
<i>Telephone Stock</i>	90	Capital Stock,.....	500000
Bills Receivable.....	14029746		
Individual Accounts.....	1514019		
Real Estate,.....	30469136		
Coal Works,.....	3263743		
Cash Dividends, <i>Ohio Furnace</i>	2014755		
Stock Dividends, <i>Pine Grove</i>	1526437		
<i>New Furnace</i>	612557		
Balances, <i>Ohio S. & C. Co. Stock</i>	954010	Balance, <i>Profit Sum Acct</i>	18193441
	\$49911398		\$49911398

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, April 1, 1882

Including Business of Pine Grove and Ohio Furnaces, Hanging Rock Coal Works, and Principal Office, Hanging Rock.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Cash.....at Pine Grove Furnace,	6585	Book Accounts at Pine Grove Furnace,	531978
Merchandise....." " " "	605224	" " " Ohio Furnace,	524490
Book Accounts, " " " "	447041	" " " Coal Works,	387466
Bills receivable " " " "	2071	" " " Principal Office,	1080387
Furnace invoice " " " "	2468023	Bills Payable " " " "	375 -
Pig Iron....." " " "	132834	Out for Notes & Accts	1192452
Cash,....." Ohio Furnace,	19398	" " " " "	570000 -
Book Accounts, " " " "	194248	Capital Stock	71456199
Merchandise,....." " " "	333401	Surplus to April 1, 1882	16994489
Bills Receivable " " " "	1008410	" " " 1881	4461710
Furnace Invoice " " " "	22851 -	Gain for the year	60 -
Pig Iron....." " " "	701145	Collected during the year	
Cash....." Coal Works,	685885	from what were considered	
Merchandise....." " " "	2227171	months Apr 1 st 81.	
Book Accounts, " " " "	3610131		
Bills Receivable " " " "	144448		
Invoice Chattels " " " "	14024746		
Cash,....." Principal Office,	30464136		
Bills Receivable " " " "	1517019		
Real Estate,....." " " "	612557		
Book Accounts, " " " "	954010		
Ohio Furnace	90 -		
Ohio Iron & Coal Co. Stock	4000 -		
Telephonic Stock	1212415		
Wann & Co. Stock	101250 -		
Part Due Note	591732		
U. S. Bonds	919655		
Citizens Nat Bank Cir	1521625		
2 nd Nat " " "			
1 st " " " "			
	\$5210977		\$5210977

from now Saturday - if you
the boys and hoping to hear
with much love to yourself
their when we return in 3 days
cheerful. They have now here
altogether and have the old
fashioned fire place with
Anderson. Mrs. Lane has been
doing some very nice painting
and has a number of
pretty things which she
laminated herself. The little
girls go about a mile to
school and are driven back
and forth. We hope to hear
from you at 7 o'clock, and that
you are well and having a
pleasant time, the boys & I suppose
are delighted to be at home
once more, and are having
a grand time. How does Belle
get along now with Mrs. Lett?
do you think we will find her

Red Bluff, Cal. Apr 6th 1882.
Thursday Morning

My Dear Father -

We left Sacramento
Tuesday afternoon at 2.35 and
reached Red Bluff at 8.35 where
we found Mrs. Lane waiting for
us, then we drove out to his
ranch in his carriage. a distance
of four miles. the drive was very
pleasant and the road nice
and smooth. Yesterday we
spent most of the day in the
house with Mr & Mrs Lane, the
little girls went to school and
Douglas is away at a Military
school. Mrs. Lane is
quite well but Mr L. had only
returned from Texas Sunday

and has a "sleeping ear cold." They have a little boy Goram Ling visiting them and after the children came home from school and dinner was over, we all took a walk over to the "China Garden," which is a part of Mr. Leone's ranch he rents to the Chinese and they raise all kinds of vegetables to sell.

They have a good many Chinese working on the Ranch and Mrs. Leone has a Chinese cook, who gives us excellent things to eat.

Mr. Leone thought it would be warm enough to begin sheep shearing yesterday but it was not, so he had the sheep all turned out again

he had had them brought in to shear, but will now have to wait until warmer weather he has about twenty thousand sheep - and to day will show us some of the lambs.

Last night we had some recitations by Mami, and she can speak splendidly for one so young. Then she and Josie sang several songs.

We think we will go down to San Francisco on Saturday and be there Easter Sunday, as the service will be very beautiful.

Monday it rained real hard in the morning and it has been cool ever since, as I write we are all sitting around an open wood fire in the Parlor which is very

gentlemen we met on the train and we became pretty well acquainted at Wells where we were there four days on account of the washout.

The Salt Lake people went to Monterey and we think we will go there to spend Sunday. The girls are disappointed about the bathing there, as usual we are for early work.

We were glad to hear that you were all well and getting along so nicely, for we are enjoying our trip so much.

We enjoyed our horses very much and would have loved to stay longer but we did not have time if we wanted to go to all the other places "before the middle of May" and we will have to be on our way home then.

With ever so much love
Your daughter
Alice.

Rio de los Berrones
April 5th 1872.

My dear Father,

We have been here four days visiting Mrs. Jones, and we are having a lovely time, we were to have started to San Francisco last night but they persuaded us to stay until tomorrow night, and today we are to have a lunch party, twelve ladies are to be here.

It has been quite cool ever since we came and we sit by an open wood fire all the time, and when we drive we wrap up as much as we do at home in March. We have had some lovely drives over the Ranch, one day we went to see the wheat fields and the

stamp. The horse has about
twenty thousand and we saw
about five thousand in one
herd, and wheat fields three
miles in length. Another day
we went to the vineyards and
the China Gardens. There are
so many Chinese men here
and we like to hear them
talk. They say "we no care"
so much for "I do not under-
stand," and they are such odd
looking people.

Grand Hotel San Francisco
Tuesday 11th

We left Mrs. Jones Sunday
afternoon and stayed all
night at Red Bluffs and
left there at 5-30 yesterday
morning and reached
here last night about
7. We found quite a
nice number of letters
and papers waiting for us.
I had 12 letters each of the

others four

It looks dark and as if
it might rain so we will
not go out anywhere this
morning. Bess and Lily have
gone out to a jeweler to get
Bess' pin fixed and this
afternoon we ^{may} go to Woodward's
Gardens or some where for a drive
and we will go to the Cliff
House the first bright day.

We have the same rooms
on the first floor that
some of our relatives had
some time ago. The
clerk said they had liked
them so he gave them to us.
We have taken our meals
at the Palace Hotel Restaurant
and will take them there
and at other restaurants as
they have no dining room
here. We have not seen
any one we know yet but
Mr. Baker of Seattle is

[12 April 1882]

San Francisco -

April 12th - Visited Woodward's gardens
went there in the Street Cars. There
is a very fine Aquarium in a Cave
each kind of fish in a tank of its
own - with a glass side, so you can
see them well - Some very large lobsters
are amusing to watch - Very pretty
natural gold fish - Silver perch - Flounders
the Sea Anemone were all green -
two large alligators - Seals & Sea
lions - Some large Camels = Sacred
Cattle - donkeys - & plenty of monkeys -
most of them in a separate Cage -
lions - & a California lioness with Cubs
I wish old - 2 Chickens with three legs -
& other animals - There was a very
good aviary - & a very fine collection
of stuffed birds - & animals - a Caly with
two heads - & one of horns Diamete style - a pig
with a monkey head &c - Some beautiful
mummified birds - They have a skating rink &
a theatre - & many tropical plants - We
took lunch there & I tried the California
oysters - which were good, though small -
There are 6 acres in the grounds - & it
is a pleasant place to pass half a day -
April 12th - To day we took a

Carrriage & went to the Cliff House -
It is 3 miles from the City & the road is
splendid - The Cliff House is by the side
of the ocean & a little ways from it are
the rocks - & on them & swimming about
them, we saw at least a hundred
Sea lions - it was curious to see the
clumsy things, climb up to the highest
rocks & then slide down into the water
they would come & back & the north,
sounded like a large menagerie with
lions - We spent an hour or more
watching them & took our lunch there -
then we rode back through the
Golden Gate Park - It embraces about
1100 acres - & was seven years ago
an immense sand waste - it has
been reclaimed & by first planting
the blue & yellow lupin & then grass
& now there are thousands of fir
trees & other shrubs & trees set out
& in a few years the Park will be
one of the finest in America - & it
is wonderful how it has been accomplished
the road is splendidly macadamised
& is a very popular drive - near
the end is a splendid Conservatory
through which we walked - & saw some
orange trees in bloom - very large

Bananas - & many beautiful flowers -
particularly Cineraria - the grounds
around the Conservatory are very
handsome. In returning we had a
splendid view of the Golden Gate -
& we stopped & walked through the
New Catholic Cathedral - a very fine church -
& drove by the New City Hall which has
already cost 5 million & will cost 7 million
& also had a fine view of the city from
the hill - Saw Lone Mountain Cemetery
& the Chinese burying ground - Had a
nice warm day for our drive & a good
guide for drive - He gathered us wild
flowers - California poppies - lupine & show
blossoms -

April 13th Today went through
the Mint - It is said to be the largest
in the world - twice the size of the
Philadelphia Mint - Saw the ^{silver & gold} melting
then in bars - then cub in shape &
then stamped. In the vaults are \$24,000,000
dealed up - waiting the government's order
for distribution. The silver dollars seemed
to be the principal work today - as only
half the machinery was in operation &
there are 50 ladies in the weighing depart-
ment - all the sweepings of the floors & even
the clothes of the work men are burned over &
the gold dust collected from them amounts
to thousands of dollars - The engine that

runs it is perfection - & a medallion portrait
of the man who devised & arranged it is
on the wall of the engine room - he died
soon the morning of the first day it
was used - Saw some small pieces of gold
worth \$20,000 - & a counting board
the value can be counted \$1,000
at a time - Saw silver dollars by the
beck - it is all very wonderful -
April 14th Went to the First Gold Bank
of California & got my drafts checked -
took a ride on California street &
saw many handsome residences - particularly
Mr Crocker - Mrs Hopkins & Gov Stanford -
& went through one of the Chinese
streets where all the people & the stores
were Chinese - Saw some fat Chinese
men - some women & children -
The houses in San Francisco are
nearly all built of wood painted
stone color or a light lead color
each has one or two Bay windows
& is two stories high - some have
fancy work over them but the
whole city is nearly all built in
this style - The Palace & Grand
Hotel are connected by a bridge
we took room at the Grand
& our meals at the Palace
restaurant - The Palace is 7 stories
high & has 600 rooms & Bay windows

all around the house - it has an open court with a glass roof into which the coaches drive - There is a great deal of wind in San F. in the afternoon & I had sore throat all the time -
Friday - we left on the 3:30 P.M. for Monterey - we arrived there at 7:35 P.M.
Sat April 15th - went to the Hotel Del Monte - This is built of wood, in Gothic style 385 long - 115 wide with wings & towers & bay windows & accommodates 400 people - the grounds are 106 acres, ^{mostly turf} & are laid out in carriage drive & beautiful woods of pine, oak, cedar & cypress & are laid out in the style of English landscape - The turf is well cut & fresh as an emerald & there are immense beds of flowers scattered in front & by the sides of the Hotel - the beds were of the largest daisies I ever saw - & there was a great deal of Cinnecia in red & white & tulips - Gladiolus - Hyacinths - very large pansies - & many varieties of flowers which were new to me - There were also a great many wild flowers - It is the handsomest sea side resort I have ever seen in America - they have sea bathing & cold & hot

baths - The wind blew so hard we had a very unpleasant walk to the Beach - where we saw the Bath House - which is said to be the largest & most complete in America -
Sunday April 16th - took a walk to the Beach & only found one sea shell - The Bath wats have been heated today but owing to the high winds it could not be cleaned - Met Mrs Woodward & Maria M. & Mrs Lawrence, whom we met on the cars are here today -
Monday April 17th - Gathered wild flowers at together have 17 new varieties - left on the 2 P.M. train for Santa Cruz - The ride on the cars is quite pleasant - a great deal of pretty scenery - This is the right time for flowers - California looks like an immense flower garden - Each side of the track is covered with flowers - immense beds of the brilliant yellow Cal. poppy - butter cups - & small yellow flowers - Baby blue eyes - The blue white & yellow Lupine - white daisies &c - The prevailing color is yellow as every thing is golden in California - but probably not we are in just the right season for the wild flowers - their season is a month later than usual so it makes us just right for flowers & cool weather - This

road is a narrow gauge - We took
a ride by the cliff road - & on the
Beach & saw the bath houses - They
is surf bathing here in May - The beach
is rather narrow & we saw but few
shells - We rode around the town
& saw some pretty yards with
roses & other flowers - The California
Cypress trimmed in shapes - palms
&c. - Elders grow into trees in California
The Australian Eucalyptus seems a
favorite shade tree - it keeps off chills
& grows rapidly - We saw a small
light house & fishing boats - men fishing
with immense nets - The road to the
on the narrow gauge road was
the first 24 miles through the
finest mountain scenery we
have seen in California very
wild indeed - & we passed through
one grove of big trees - these
seemed to be over 100 feet high
& seemed of the California Cypress
& all along the road we would
see them very tall - We came
into the city through the lovely
woods of San Jose - Santa Clara &
Alameda - Tuesday we

left in the afternoon for the
Geysers - We took the Donahue
road & were on it till 6 P.M.
rather a tiresome trip as there
was nothing to see but water -
at ^{Santa} Quentin took cars & changed
cars at Petaluma for Cloverdale -
Reached there at 8.35 P.M.
Came to the United States Hotel -
& stayed all night - Cloverdale is a
small & very pretty village - In the
morning Wednesday - at 9. We took our
seats in the stage - a three seated
covered wagon with 4 horses in route for
the Geysers - The road was all the
way up & down the mountain sides
& ~~at~~ on one side would be the mountain
& on the other a precipice hundreds of feet
straight down & the road but a few
inches from the edge of it - so that
you could look off into space as on
Cape Horn, coming into California - to
have passed another carriage on the
way would have been an impossibility
The road to a nervous person would have
been fearful - but as we were not
nervous, we enjoyed it highly - The

trees were mostly evergreen Laurels -
pines - hemlocks + many varieties we did
not know - Elders the size of trees - + a
red flowered shrub like our red bud -
The turns in the road were very sharp
+ we drove slowly - but the views were
all grand + some of great beauty.
We reached the Geysers early in
the afternoon - ~~at~~ the Hotel, is at the
mouth of Pluto Canyon - it is 1700
feet above the Pacific + is surrounded
by mountains which are 4000 feet above
the sea - + is in a 3 mile chasm -
we took a guide + an alpenstock +
started for the Geysers. The walk
was for a mile + a half up the
mountain + down ~~on~~ ^{the} roughest
possible, climbing over rocks + up
+ down the steepest cliffs + sandy
paths where I could hardly stand -
Coming back I lost my way + the
guide had to come back + hunt me
up - it was the most tiresome trip
I have had since the Mammoth Cave -
We went into a crazy grotto + everything
belongs to the devil + smells like a
Lucifer match - first you see the devil's
eyes - then the post of the Devil's eye

water then you are in the Devil's
Eye + see Epsom salts on the walls
of rock - then rows of Mineral
Springs - Some of Sulphur - Iron
Alum - Soda + the guide had us
taste of each one - one of lemonade
with sugar is very nice Lemonade -
then would try the heat of the
different Springs by putting in a
finger + scalding it - Some would
cook eggs in five minutes - The
ground is hot under your feet -
+ puffs of steam rise from different
holes around you - The Devil's
ink stand furnishes ink from a
pool ~~that~~ is black enough to write
with - in one place you hear a
churn in motion - in another a
steam boat - then a stone hooper
then a steam whistle - The rocks
are of all colors - + have shades of
Copper + are strong of Ammonia
white with magnesia - gray with
brass - green - + blue + even pieces of
old iron found - The Witches Caldron
was the finest thing we saw
it was 25 feet around + bubbled
up high + a great quantity of

Steam temperature 200. ^{Must be}
 pulpit - We next saw the devil's
 bath - used by the red men years
 ago - & then the devil's tea kettle
 & stood on the rock which shakes
 like an earth quake when you
 stamp upon it - then we came into
 Paradise & saw the Lovers Post
 office - where in a hollow of the tree
 are cards put there by people from
 all over the world & saw the Lovers
 rest - the descent from the Geyser's
 was more tiresome than the ascent
 the grounds around the Hotel are
 very romantic - We left at 8 A.M.
 for Calistoga - the ride was ^{35 miles} much
 like that coming, for ~~30~~ miles it
 was on the Mountain - a precipice
 on one side & the Mountain on the
 other - but it was not in as good
 repair - we had the Lores for dinner
 & the east of the 35 miles he kept the
 horses on the full gallop - & we made
 the train 10 minutes to spare - We
 took in the Petrified the Mountains
 were higher ^{than the Cascade route} & the scenery very grand
 Saw much Silver Mines - St Helena - Hoop back Pine Mountain
 Russian river at our feet

at one place we could see 35 miles
 away & see the Ocean - We paid each
 \$2.40 & went to the Petrified forest -
 this is very curious - immense trees
^{scattered} lying about 20 acres & are petrified
 you would think you had a piece
 of wood in your hand & lifting
 it find it a heavy stone - as
 we were so late getting there - we
 did not see the 300 trees which
 lie together - & I was quite
 disappointed - he changed cars
 twice & boats twice before
 reaching Frisco - We passed
 through the lovely Napa valley
 & saw ^{the dynamic} ^{admirable} ^{east over} ^{the} ^{mountain} ^{very} ^{fine} ^{fields}
 & saw many ^{immense} vineyards
 seem as if the whole country had
 gone to grape raising & it is said
 to be their most profitable crop -
 We were very tired on our return
 Sat April 23rd - we went to a Matinee
 at the California theatre - a Comic
 Opera - Madame Harvat John Hansen the
 principal actor - about 70 in the company
 & 6 horses on the stage - Costumes of Louis XIV

Here made in London & very hand
some - some very pretty & chesed -
Sunday April 24th - Went to Epis-
Copal Church - Church of the Advent -
A Bishop the preacher - heard some
good singing & a good sermon -

April 24th
Today went to Laticis to have
my pictures taken - am afraid
mine will not be satisfactory -
Went to the Art Association & saw
some very good oil paintings
particularly of the Yosemite - birds
& fruit - some birds on wood were very
perfect - went into the market &
saw our first Strawberries 75 cents a quart
saw peas cucumbers - Tomatoes & all
kinds of meat - oysters - lobster -
shrimps - clams & all kinds of fish -
fruit - oranges & vegetables of all kinds
artichokes & cauliflower -

April 25th - went to Oakland to see the city -
Had a long ride on the ferry boat & then
on the car, all for fifteen cents - then
took a carriage & had an hour's ride
around the city - The yards are
very lovely - the vineyards are trimmed
in shapes & sizes are in bloom &
many flowers & palm trees & vineyards

of all kinds - nearly all the houses
are private residences - & some of
them quite large & handsome -
they are all of wood - painted
white or lead color & have bay
windows - I never saw such a city
as San Francisco for bay windows
Met Miss Huggitt on the boat - She
went over to Europe with us - Her father
is married again to her brother - whom
we also met she is dead - bought
out ticket to the Yosemite - \$45 - a piece
& to Los Angeles they will \$34 a piece
more & \$2.50 from Lathrop to Stockton - making
\$81.50 a piece - Mr. Kars had Strawberries this
morning at the Hotel - Mr. took dinner at
six P.M. At Miss Lu Elliot's she keeps
house for her bachelor brother - just
as cozy as possible in a very small
house handsomely furnished - Mr. had
a good dinner - Charlotte russe for dessert
it was made of a pint of whipped cream & 3
beaten whites of eggs - sweetened & (flavored)
use pulverized sugar - & 3 sponge cake
lady fingers laid around the bowl - The
sardines were trimmed up like a flower -
The Cauliflower here is delightful - They
brought us home in the street car -

April 25th
Today the agent of the ticket line
very kindly went with us through
China town - Mr. found it - quite

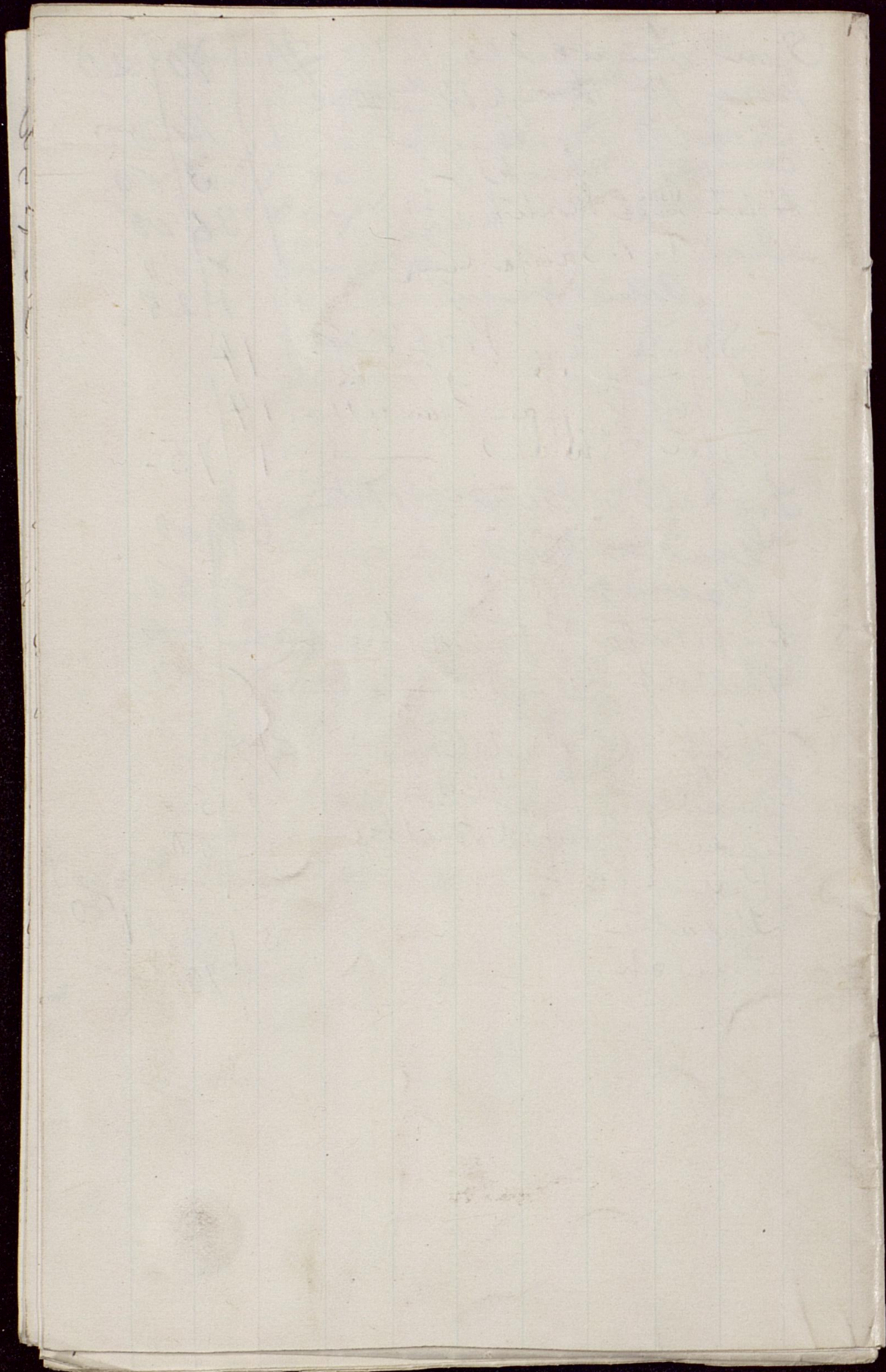
interesting - particularly their
market which contained all
kinds of curious things to eat - We
went into a store & bought some
shoes - fans & toys - they had some
very handsome carved work - Coming
back we took a ride in the Cable cars
up California St - & the girls saw the
handsome residences - Crocker - Hopkins
Gov Sanford - We also went to the
women's art decorative rooms & saw
some beautiful embroideries (Kensington)
at a very high price - \$400 - for one em-
broided bed spread & others in the same
extravagant proportion - Some of the
painting on plush was very pretty -
Mrs Lawrence of Salt Lake came in to
bid us good bye - Mr Lawrence told us
he cleared \$150,000 one year on ^{his} silver
& lead mines -

See Pictures	80
Sleeve buttons	14 00
Discount at Bank	2 00
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Pictures -	16 00
News -	1 00
Dishes	1 00
Oranges +	45
Chinese shoes -	1 25
Chinese plate	1 25
"	30
Chinese napkins	1 50
Shuffler	80
2 Art work	2 00
Tickets to Yosemite	180 00
Tickets to Los Angeles	34 00
Oakland + card	3 80
Sunday Carriage call	4 00
Restaurant April 21 to 25	15 60

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from 10 th through 14 th April	
Tickets to Monterey	14 00
Carriage + checks	3 50
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Santa Cruz Pacific R.	14
Tickets to San Francisco	14
Portage + checks	1 75
Tickets to Geysers + Return	64 00
Grand Hotel -	8 50+
Carriage	2 00
Tickets to Petrified Forest	8 00
Bill at Geysers	12 00
Bill at Cleveland	10 00
Guide at Geysers	1 50
Guide at Petrified Forest	2 00
Carriage	2 00
Theatre	3 00
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San Francisco, Apr 14 1882

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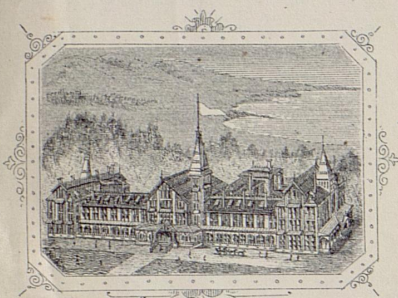
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April 17 1882

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MONTEREY CAL.



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

Hildreth Meane
Oakland
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San Francisco Cal, April 24th 82
Dear Hildreth -

I hope you are getting along well, without us. We expect to leave here on Wednesday for Los Angeles & the Yosemite - We have been out today having our pictures taken & I think the girls will have very good ones - I believe the girls wrote to your father about our trip to the Geysers - it was a very interesting trip, but very tiresome - The road on the Mountain side was quite frightful, it was so near the side of the precipice. Try & keep well - Love to all - We have to sit by a fire all the time & the wind is very strong.
Much love from Mother -

The trees, which are scattered over so
acres. 300 feet high trees in one place
I was quite disappointed - and wished
I had stayed over at Calistago & taken
a half day to the forest - I suppose
you heard of our trip to Monterey -
This is the loveliest spot in America
They have sea baths there & a swimming
teacher - Rose took one lesson & she
thought if she could have taken
another one - she would have been
a good swimmer - & she wanted
to stay longer - but we wanted to
see Santa Cruz - so we came away -
The road was a narrow gauge & the scenery
very wild - At Los Angeles we expect
to see some of the largest orange groves in
America & hope to find them in blossom -
We saw strawberries - Tomatoes green peas
Cucumbers &c - in the market today -
but it is so cold we don't care for such
things - We sit by the fire all the time
& the wind is very strong - So I have sore
throat all the time in San Francisco -
Wrote to St. Louis - Case of Southern Hotel -
Lomb & Paces to both from mother

San Francisco Cal. April 25th 1852

My Dear Cooke & Nancy -

I suppose you
are now safe back in old Nauveta
land at your studies - I feel very sorry
to hear that Cooke's eyes are still
so bad - I think he may as well
give up the German - I would like him
to try & go through the English studies
in the Freshman & Sophomore years & then
I want him to go to a school of mines in
New York - that is my plan & with proper
care & not studying at night & reading
newspapers & novels left alone - he may be
able to do so - I have been out to day &
brought Cooke some Chinese & Japanese Coins
& Turkish & Brazilian & Canadian also -
I have also got some shells & minerals
for his cabinet - some very good

specimens of the wood of the Petrified
Forest - which we visited last
week - This was a trip Cooke
would have enjoyed - at the
Geysers - there was all kinds
of Minerals & Coals of every color
& every kind of Springs - Soda
alum. Iron - & one made a good
Lemonade - & ink - in one that
could be written with - everything
belonged to the Devil - his eye glasses
his eye water - his laboratory, where
there was Epsom Salt on the wall
his office - his pulpit - & his tea kettle
The Witches Caldron was the finest
of all - it is 20 feet around & bubbles
up high & has such high puffs of
Steam that you cant stand by it -
it looks like Spout tea - the ground
is hot to your feet & the Steam comes
out of holes all around you - the
air is full of strange noises - in one
place you hear a Churn - in
another a Steam engine - then

a Steam boat whistle - then a
mill - The guide had a tin cup &
we had to taste all the Springs &
put our finger in them all to try
the heat & they were nearly all boil-
ing hot - could cook eggs - it was
very tiresome as we had to climb
a mile & a half up & down the
Mountain over the worst kind
of a slippery rocky path - I have
not had such a tramp since I
was at Watkins Glen or the Mam-
moth Cave - The road there & back
that we went in the stage, was on
the Mountain sides & on the edge
of the precipice - & was really quite
frightful & dangerous - we were in stages
that had 3 seats & 4 horses - & the
turns were very short - but we had
good drivers - one of them Foss, was
quite noted - & had driven for 20 years -
we stopped at the Petrified Forest
but as we had to meet the train
we did not get to see the most

Left San Francisco for Stockton
at 3.30 ^{April 27} P.M. on ferry boat & then cars
reached Lathrop at 8 P.M. bought
ticket there for Stockton reached there
at 9 P.M. went to Yosemite Hotel -
Mr. Patten the road agent very
polite met us at Lathrop - Left Stockton
at 8 A.M. for Milton (should have bought
tickets for Milton at Stockton) - Stockton
is a very pretty place of 10000 but
does not grow fast - Took stage
at Milton a Norwegian gentleman
our fellow passenger - The first stage
carried - 15 - An old lady objected to
riding with the three Chinamen - She came
to California in 52 - on mule back - I
very lucky young glut on the cars &
on sea ^{who was afraid of some} Capt - had a very lively
time - in the afternoon had a smaller
stage to ourselves + Mrs. D. stayed
all night at Priesti - started early Sat
April 28 at 5 A.M. - at ten $\frac{1}{2}$ - had lunch
at Crocker Mr. Shinn driver 1st day Mr.
Dennis Shinn driver 2 day - at 2 P.M.
came into the Tolovone ^{group of big trees}
saw one that a stage horse

could drive through - others of
immense height & of great size -
we then came into the snow - it
was over 3 feet thick - on the
horses they put snow shoes ^{heels} & we
got into a sleigh & rode in it for
7 miles - the sun shone bright &
warm as in May at home & the
mountains were covered with
snow & were of all kinds & of immense
size - we were on the Sierras 6000
feet above the sea the scenery was
perfectly grand - but we drove
slowly as the horses can only walk
in the snow shoes - coming down
the mountains it was fearful &
on one sharp curve we upset &
Rose Bess & the gentleman fell out
Liz & I were able to stay in the
sleigh - Bess got quite wet falling
into the water - we had lunch
in the sleigh - at 4 P.M. 11 miles from
the valley we found 2 more stages
waiting for us - we put our horses

into one & the baggage & then our
family got into the other & we found
the rest of the road so good that
we drove rapidly & reached the
valley before dark - our drivers
were very pleasant gentlemen &
most excellent drivers - The scenery
on the road all the afternoon was
grand - Mountains around us & we
were continually ascending &
descending - & some of it was on the
edge of steep precipices & the driver
showed us one place where a party
were upset & rolled down the precipice
but none were killed - on the Tolome
we saw Chinese mining & digging
for gold & washing it in a cradle
we saw a place where \$16,000 were
taken out in a week & a half - we saw
the entrance to a quartz mine of gold
on which \$50,000 would be spent before
it could be worked - for miles up the
side of the Tolome & Stamblans
River we could see the mountains

& holes where the gold hunters dug their gold in early days - but few white men work at it now - mostly the Chinese - but for miles by the side of some streams the ground seems to be well dug over - we passed through China town - where many Chinese live who mine - we passed a herd of 70 horses - & one poor cow in the snow was left alone - having got lost from her herd - & pigs were also left in a spot without snow - by the herd men - At 6 P.M. - we entered the Yosemite Valley - (Yosemite means large girth by bear) our first view was of the Bridal veil & El Capitan - The valley is 7 miles long & from a half to 2 miles wide - & the scenery has no equal in grandeur on earth - it is a mile in perpendicular depth below the adjacent region & is surrounded by granite

walls from 3000 to 6000 feet in height - The most striking feature is El Capitan 3300 feet in height its sides perfectly bare & its lands looking the great chief of the Valley - We stopped at Barnards Hotel right opposite the Yosemite Falls - & one corner faces them I see them as I write & we hear their roar & the water fall all night long - The fall is 2600 feet just a leap of 1500 then 600 - then 400 feet - they are of the greatest height of any falls in the world - April 29 - In the morning went over to see the Yosemite Register an immense book with silver on the cover - 10 years old - labeled for different states - the name residence & date & remarks of persons - saw May - May Anne & Tom Adams names Garfield's Hayes & Grant - Some of the remarks were quite amusing - others quite appropriate to the fine

fine scenery. Garfields were par-
 ticularly good - some had poetry
 some referred to their hotels - then to
 their whiskey - & one man said
 he was sick & had to pay a
 fine for Cathedral Rock 2600 feet
 high - the Spire - the 3 brothers
 three sisters - Sentinel Rock South
 Dome - Inspiration Point -
 Bachelor's Chair & Virgin's Chair &c
 doctor's bill of \$250 for a single
 visit - the Dr coming from Oakland -
 many visitors were from Europe &
 one lady from New Zealand said this
 was the "Dearest Country she had
 ever seen" & another person wrote ^{in a journal} that
 she had better study spelling before she
~~wrote~~ wrote that they had been around the
 world but had never seen anything
 to equal the grandeur of the Yosemite.
 We saw an album of photographs
 presented by visitors - Grant & his
 family - Hayes - & many a few others
 We saw also a herbarium of the plants of
 the Yosemite - arranged with great taste
 the plants fastened with gum arabic & mu-
 cilage - also specimens of gold quartz &c

In the afternoon we took a carriage &
 rode through the valley - we first went
 to the falls of the Yosemite - & went
 near enough to be well wet with the
 spray - we saw the three falls & they
 all seem much grander when stand-
 ing near them - we then rode & saw
 El Capitan - is the grandest sight in
 the valley - The head of the Capitan in
 Military Cap can be distinctly traced
 on its side ~~The~~ It is 30 times as high as
 the Palace Hotel of San Francisco - I put on
 over shoes & gun coat to go near the
 Bridal Veil - standing near it at 4
 P. M. - we could distinctly see 2
 beautiful rainbows - one above the
 other - the lower bow nearly perfect -
 reflected on the spray - the bright
 colors of the rainbow on the white
 spray ^{made it} made it one of the ~~most~~
 sights I ever saw - ^{most charming} Oh beautiful
 bridal veil, what on earth could be
 so lovely? words fail to describe the
 opposite are the falls called the
 Virgin's Tear - Mr. Huntington the
 guardian of the valley went with

us & was very entertaining. The valley
belongs to Government & he is hired
to keep it in order & to the roads -
April 30th This morning we rose early
& drove to Mirror Lake to see the
sun rise - it is a small lake
perfectly clear & reflected in it you
see clouds rest & other lofty peaks
& trees & the ^{blue} sky & clouds as in
a mirror - it is a beautiful sight -
The clouds on the mountain were
reflected in bright colors pink &
green - but we had to come away
before the sun quite got over the horizon
at 8 1/2 A.M. - In one spot in the
valley the sun rises in winter at
1 1/2 P.M. & sets at 3 1/2 P.M. - it is dark
at 5 P.M. - Mr Hutchings invited us to
his cabin which is hung around
with paintings which were painted
by his wife - Many of them Yosemite
scenes & flowers - They were very
finely executed - he gave us cones
of the Red Wood - or Sequoias - the big
trees - & an immense cone of the

red wood - The girls & Mr Drickman & a
guide took horses & went to the Vernal
Falls & ^{Keopaley} The Yosemite reminds me
of Hattin's Glen - it is the Glen on
an immense scale - there is still
so much snow that it is difficult
to get up the trails to the Mountain
tops to see the fine views -
Went to see specimens of the Valley Woods
made up into fancy articles - for example
made up in mosaic of the different woods
The old man charged \$5.00 ~~for a scale~~ + 10
+ 50 for 3 small boxes in laid - ~~with wood~~ - Some
of the wood has a green tinge & looks like a precious
stone & the Mountain mahogany is very
handsome - he went to the photographic
gallery & got some views of the valley -
We left by the Madera route in a stage
with 7 passengers - Mrs. ^{Drickman} & niece from
Trooster Mass. - & Mr Drickman from Norway -
The first day we rode 25 miles to Clarkes
We started at 7 or half past 7 - the road
was over the mountains - the snow had
been dug out of the road - for 2 hours we
rode through the snow on each side &
in a cloud it was excessively cold - the
cloud was so dense, like a fog that we
could not see ^{much} either side of us -
about half past ten - in a road to various

to pass we met the other stage - coming
the other way - ~~so~~ they were filled with
the Boston excursionists - + seemed
impossible to pass - finally after about
12 men holding the job - they took off
the horses - + the men run on stage
down the hill + set it up sideways
+ then the others drove past - our horses
being loose + we went to look after them
one of them ran off + they let the route to
Ag - so we went down the mountain
with 4 horses - this detained us over an hour
after 3 miles we stopped at an empty
house + ate our lunch which had
been prepared for us at Barre -
+ fortunately found our other two horses -
we reached Clark's about 4 P.M. -
after coming out of the valley the
view was beautiful Pl. Captain +
clouds rest + the bridal veil coming
into sight every little while as we
went slowly up the mountain for
at least ten miles - The view from
Inspiration Point was lovely - altogether
no scenery in the U.S. will compare with
the Yosemite for grandeur + beauty -
we stayed at Clark's all night - ^{25 miles} -
May 3rd - we took a stage + went to the
Manpocan grove of big trees -

we saw ^{the} fallen monarch ^{the}
three brothers - + sister - Emperor Norton
+ many other ~~large~~ ^{immense} trees but the
largest of all was the Giffly Giant
92 feet in circumference - one of the branches
was 6 feet in diameter - it was a grand
sight to stand close to it + look up - it
seemed immense - the bark is very
thick - + the foliage resembles that
cedar + hangs like the fir the cones
are about the size of a hen's egg +
some of this ^{specimens} were smaller - they
call it the red wood or Sequoias
the ride was through the snow + about
20 miles - but they are well worth a
visit -

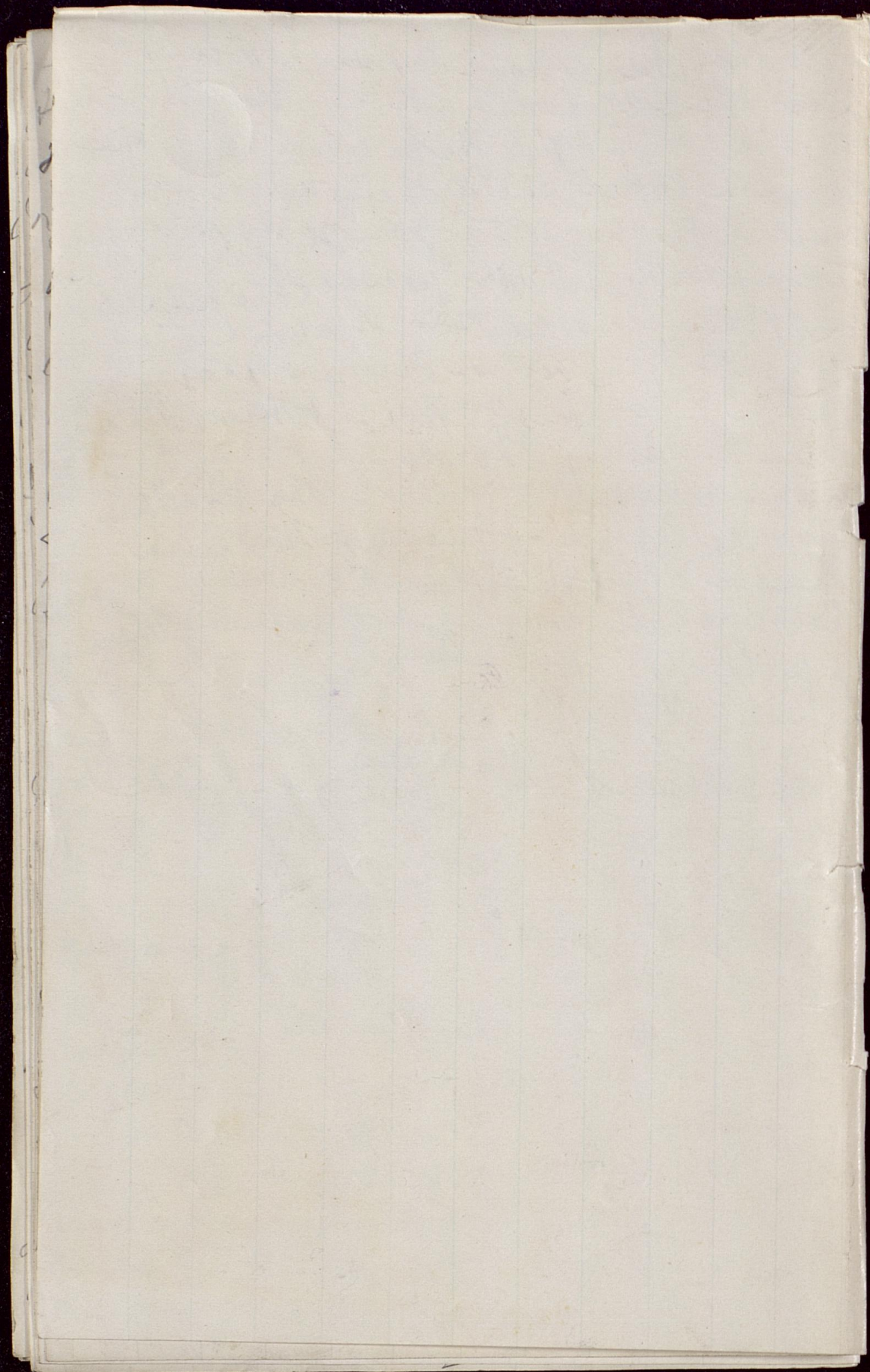
We stayed at Clark's all night +
left at 7 A.M. for Madera - the
road was very good - ^{except} though the
snow it was pretty bad - we passed
through the hole where the stage
stuck 3 hours the day before - some
stage had a driver who took them 8
miles out of their way but we had no
such bad luck - but made our 72 miles
by 6 P.M. we stopped at Course Gold

Gulch for dinner - The last 10 miles through San Joaquin valley was through a gale of wind filling air eyes with dust - no trees grow in the San Joaquin valley as the wind is too strong I suppose - Some of the mountain scenery was very fine - & at one place we saw the Grand plant in bloom it is bright red & shaped like a cactus - we saw them also near the big trees - we saw 10 deer - & a good many Indians - one papoose on the square back - near Clark's we looked into a wigwam where an old Squaw was cooking her supper - at Clark's we first met ^{some of} the Boston 150 excursionists whom they are sending into the valley 22 at a time - much to the disgust of other people who are waiting to go as these excursionists fill all the stages - reached Madera just in time for the car & took sleeper to Los Angeles reached there at 8 A.M. May 5th The Yosemite is a hard staying - over rough bad roads - the more all well tired out & awfully dusty when we got through -

May 5th - We left Madera at 6 1/2 P.M. & reached Los Angeles at 8 A.M. on the car, the next day - went to the Metropolitan Hotel - In the afternoon took a carriage & went to see the City & the orange groves - Los Angeles is a city of 22,000 inhabitants & spread out over 5 miles - some of the largest orange groves are in the center of the City - We rode into one owned by Mr. Wolfkill - it had 8000 orange trees & they are 80 years old & very large - they were full of buds & blossoms & they are now full of their rich perfume - it was a lovely sight to stand & look up under them & see buds & flowers & the green oranges & the ripe golden fruit - they were gathering them & we went into a house where they were packing them in boxes - first rolling them in thin paper - the city was engaged for the Boston Market - we went into Bliss's grove - he had many handsome flowers & cactus - & a grove of English walnuts - located also into the Washington garden where we saw many flowers & oranges - nearly all the yards in the city have orange trees & flowers - & there are many large groves in the city & a great many groves of English walnuts - Saw Hedges made of

leaves & some lemon & Olive tree
& figs - We drove through China town
& through the old Spanish City
the houses built of adobe & very low
one story & looking very old - a very
delightful drive - May 6th Today we
went out to Sierra Madre Villa - 46
miles from Los Angeles - It is a lovely
place on the mountain side &
you can see 60 miles from there -
It is surrounded with trees & flowers
& is by some thought to be handsomer
than Monterey - It is a favorite resort
for invalids - it is very quiet & a charming
place - We took dinner there - going there
we went through Pescadero - which is
laid out in immense orange groves &
walnuts for miles you see them - the
ground culminated under them ^{now in}
carefully as a garden - they were in
bloom & the air was heavy with their rich
perfume - it seemed as if about half
the way to the villa we were going
through orange groves & vineyards -
coming back we came through
Red Range groves & immense vineyard
of 900 acres & went into the cellar &
wax house full of wine - some of it in
immense barrels - it was quite a
curiosity - We came around by the
old San Gabriel Mission & went

into the old ^{May 5th} Adobe Church over 100
years old with a chime of bells brought from
the old world & built the way when cast the
Spanish ladies threw their silver & gold
jewels - to the story goes of his passed
is composed of ^{low} Adobe Houses & the village
are Spaniards & could not speak to us in
English - We passed through many
orange & walnut groves & must have
seen many thousand orange trees
in our ride of 32 miles - the weather
was delightful & our ride to Sierra
Madre Villa & its flowers & orange groves
blossoms will long be a charming memory
of a lovely day - ^{May 7th} Had calls Saturday
from Capt. Meredith's wife & Mother - Mrs. B. & wife
went to Presbyterian church Sunday with Capt.
Mrs. Meredith - heard sermon on infidelity -
May 8th



Wilmington, Ky. 29th April 1882.

Dear Boy

Harry's letter of 26th instant came to hand Friday, including letter from Bessie. We have also letter from her and mother of same date - I inclose draft on N. Y. for fifty (\$50.00) dollars. Mr Mack and Mr Russell are in and I cannot take much time to write. Tom and all here are all well. Mrs Colvin has gone to Ironton, to see Mr Blake to day -

Yours truly
John Meacham

Marietta Ohio
April 30 1882.

Dear Father.

We have received one letter only from the rest of the family, which Harry sent to you.

We have had ~~your~~ boat repaired and painted but we are somewhat dissapointed in it yet for the bottom was put on green and has pulled away some from the sides.

The association crew has gone into training and will soon be on the water in their working boat they have had a challenge from ^a some crew at Toledo.

Yesterday there was a game of ball on the campus.

Monday I am going to read in
our class recitation,
a description of the Rush Coal
Mines.

Wednesday I come on duty for
declamation in the College Chapel.
About twenty five students have
gone to Cincinnati to attend a
banquet given to their society —
We only had 40 in ~~the~~ chapel
one morning last week.

Hazeal Kike was played last
night at the City Hall.

Ann Eliza Young lectures tomorrow night
Mark Cole is in town.

Mr Douglas Putnam is having his
house repaired.

We had a two inch and a half rain
last Wednesday, and it is cloudy
today.

All well, love to all, yours very
truly

E. C. Means

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JOHN G. PEEBLES, Vice-President.

DOUGLAS PUTNAM, Jr., Superintendent.
FRANK COLES, Ass't Superintendent.

[1 May 1882]
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"Described as follows"

Situated adjacent to the City of Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky viz, all the unsold portion of the estate of A. A. Case dead, also a certain parcel of land conveyed by John Means and wife to Helen M. Case, bounded entirely as follows; beginning at South West Corner of Railway Avenue and 6th Street; thence Southerly with the line of said Street 231 feet; thence Easterly 40 feet to the Center of said Street, to the Corner of a parcel sold off said estate to W^m F. Hayward's wife, thence Southerly with line of said parcel 52 Rods more or less to its Southwest corner to where it intersects line of land owned by wife of Morris Lee, thence Westerly with said line $7\frac{2}{3}$ poles more or less to the N. W. Corner of said land; thence Southerly 16 poles to a stone and Corner of what is known as the Pollard land; thence Westerly with the line of said land 23 Rods more or less to the Corner of John Means land; thence Northerly with the line of said land to a stone corner of the old Church lot being 28 poles more or less, thence Easterly 16 Rods with the line of said lot to its Southwest corner; thence Northerly with the line of said lot

to the West corner of a parcel conveyed to John Mead
from said estate, then Easterly to a Beech and
Corner; thence Northerly with the line of said
parcel to its Northeast corner; thence Northerly
~~over~~ $183\frac{4}{3}$ feet to Mead's Northeast Corner of
Railway Avenue thence Easterly 170 feet to the
beginning

description { in Sent vs
R. D. Wick
Helen M. Case et al

to
Mr. R. D. McKee
sent dated 1 May 1882
of record Boyd C. C.
Book No 10 pag- 569

J. Meunier

N 47 1/2 E 26

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Scale 50 Poles to 1 Inch

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Scale 50 poles to 1 inch

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The party of the second part further agrees that he will not lease or unde
let any part of said premises, nor permit any other person to occupy same, nor
will he sell, or permit to be sold, on said premises, any spiritous, vinous, or
malt liquors, or either of them, during his term; and should the said party of
the second part in any particular violate the provisions of this lease, either

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Los Angeles, Cal. May 8th 1852

Dearst John

We have been in Los Angeles ever since Friday morning - and will leave this morning for San Francisco - & then hope to start for home on May 10th - will stay in Denver two days, St Louis one & two days & two days in Cincinnati - The first day we came here we went took a carriage & rode around the City - There are about 20000 inhabitants - & the City is spread out over five miles - There are some immense orange groves right in the city - the orange trees are now in full blossom - & the perfume is delicious - many of the trees have buds, blossoms, ripe & green fruit - Saturday we took a carriage & rode out to Sierra Madre Villa - 16 miles from here a beautiful place, on the Mountain side, where you can see 60 miles away - going then we passed through

many immense orange groves - one, we saw today, had
8000 trees 80 years old - It seemed to me, we rode through
orange groves for about twelve miles - a great many
groves of English walnuts we also passed - & Lemon & lime & fig
trees - The orange groves here, are not so high priced as in
Florida - But the Florida oranges are sweeter & larger - There is
a great profusion of flowers here & the weather is very warm &
not so much wind as in San Francisco - Capt Meredith & wife
& Mr & Mrs Bowles called on us - Capt Meredith thinks of spend-
^{ing} the summer here & Mr Bowles has a church here - We
enjoyed our trip to the Yosemite very much - it certainly
is the grandest scenery in the United States - We were
glad we went as early as we did, for we had a delight-
ful sleigh ride of 7 miles on the mountains & the horses had
snow shoes & sleigh bells - & we upset & had a lively time -
Coming back the other way the snow was dug away - but
we tramped in here or two ~~times~~ ^{through} a cloud on the mountain top &
were very cold - The whole trip to the big trees was 208
miles of staging & very tiresome - The big trees were
wonderful & well worth a visit - the largest one we saw
a stage & horses could stand in it - & another in the Mammoth
grove was 90 feet in circumference - Give my love to
all the family - & with much love for yourself -
I am your affectionate
John Gordon Hattie -

[10 May 1882]

Left San Francisco May 10th at
4 P.M. - Did not engage sleepers
in time - so we had to take upper
berths - The car was very crowded
17 Ladies + 6 Children - Did not
have a very pleasant time
Scenery the same as we passed
over - May 11th - Found ourselves
this morning in the alkali desert
the day quite warm - most of the
Ladies were Californians. May 12th
Changed cars for a sleeper going
through to Denver - found our
condition vastly improved -
had 2 sections opposite to each
other - & but few persons in the
car which was a nice Pullman
Mr + Mrs Raison from Philadelphia
whom we met at the Geysers
~~in~~ our car - Saw the Devil's slide
Devil's gate + the curiously formed
rocks in Weber Canon - 1000
miles see again - Maiden
grass + c - Had a pleasant day -
May 12th - So continue to the river

last night which detained us 1 1/2 hours - Mrs. Raison has a horned ~~road~~ road which gives us much amusement - a last from Leadville & one from Montezuma on our car - The Sea Captains fat lady called on us & Mr. called on her - She had been in Australia, New Zealand & Sandwich Islands & other places & was quite entertaining.

May 13th - Saw Guelly the brown laid out by Horace Guelly - said to have a 40 mile fence around the colony - saw a prairie dog - not much bigger than a rat. They have little mounds scattered along the track & we watched some time before seeing ~~one~~ - an owl & a snake are said to burrow into them in the same hole - Saw some Antelopes - & had Antelope for dinner - it tastes like venison but is not so good - The vegetation is very backward - The trees are just coming out - Reached Denver at 8 - P.M. - went to the Windsor Hotel - found it a very

pleasant, handsome house -

May 14th - Had a call from Mr. & Mrs. Raison & her other son - Mr. & Mrs. Larman & Mother - Had a nice strawberry meringue pie for dinner - It was made by baking a nice pie crust first - then adding ripe strawberries & then a meringue very lightly baked - Took a ride around Denver - This is a city of 40,000 or more - the streets are wide & have maple tree & shade trees - the city is very well built - the houses are nearly all of brick & stone & look new & comfortable & some of the residences are quite handsome - The Depot is a very fine large building - & the Opera House claims to be the finest in the United States - It looks very different from California cities which are nearly all built of wood - particularly San Francisco - They are building a very handsome stone State House & this is the Capitol -

May 15th - Took cars this morning
at 8^o & went on a narrow gauge road
to Manitou & the Garden of the Gods
Reached Colorado Springs at 11 & took cars
to Manitou - Reached there at 12
A.M. - went to the Baker House & took
dinner - took a carriage & went to the
Garden of the Gods - This consists
of curious formations of red sand
stone - & have names, as they represent
different animals & objects - We saw
Log & Magic - The Highland Chief -
The Elephant - The Camels - The toad -
The mushrooms - The balancing rock
The devil - The little pass - The lion
The seal - The poodle dog - The monkey
But the finest of them all was the
gates to the garden - These rocks
were 200 feet high & quite thin standing
up one on each side & bright red
bring the most curious formations of
rock we have seen - We also saw
Glen Dye - We were disappointed
in the size of the Garden - We also
saw the Fort - The Citadel - Monument
Park - Vets Park - & in the distance

We saw Pikes Peak - covered with
snow & sometimes in a cloud - the
trip up & back on it on horseback
takes 12 hours - & you can see
all over the state from the top - we
took a ride around Colorado Springs -
a city without a saloon - came to the
depot & waited an hour - reached the
Hotel Windsor at 9 P.M. -
May 16th - Stopped in the morning -
left on the 130 P.M. train for Kansas
City 17th - reached Kansas City at 5
P.M. - Passed through a fine farming
country - Kansas City has 80,000 in
habitation but could not see much
of it on the cars - bought sleepers to
St. Louis -
May 18th - reached St. Louis at 6 A.M.
Went to the Southern Hotel - A very
nice large hotel - found Mr. Voss
Linman from Milwaukee on the cars
last night - came with us to the
Hotel - & with us this morning
went first to Shaw's garden - this is
owned by Mr. Henry Shaw - a wealthy
bachelor - who opens it to the public
it contains 109 acres - The flower garden
contains 10 acres & contains almost

Every flower that can grow in this latitude & there are several green houses containing thousands of exotic & tropical plants - We saw the pepper - coffee - cinnamon - nutmeg - Camphor - bread fruit - Almond - Banyan & other choice trees & flowers - in bakes are fruits of all kinds & the bakes are all kinds of ornaments & fruit trees - it is considered the finest garden in the United States & probably has the greatest variety of flowers & fruit of any - We rode through Forest Park & Tower Grove Park this beautifully laid out with green lawns & shrubbery & has delightful drives & ~~paths~~ ^{paths} - We also went to the Zoological garden which is quite large & the buildings of brick & Cathedral grounds so it makes quite a walk - We visited the Cathedral a handsome stone building & also the Fine Art Gallery mostly plaster cast of fine statuary ^{with a few paintings} - We rode around the city it is built of brick & most of the houses are plain & many of them have stone fronts & red brick backs - giving it an appearance we did not like as well as if the houses

had been all one color - There are many handsome residences but not many bay windows - \$2715 at St Louis - The girls enjoyed Shaws garden more than the Garden of the Gods - Left St Louis at 6:30 P.M. had a nice new car reached Cincinnati at 7 A.M. - We went to the Burnett House spent the day. Shopping Lily bought wedding dress - White satin & brocade - Kiss white & Spanish lace & satin Rose - white satin & brocade - Saw Mr Bailey of Pittsburg said John had gone to old Point Comfort with Uncle Hugh for Uncle's health - May Festival going on & city decorated with flags - Saw Louis Carey in the elevator

Presents - Couches
\$50'45 \$6'00

\$2'68 quilt -

clothes

~~\$18'54~~

18'64

~~\$50'45~~

44'65 -

77 - Lily -

presents -

expenses for traveling

from Ashland to California
& back to St. Louis

\$2715-

75

2790 to Cincinnati home

Bank of
\$100

Account
\$100

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San Francisco May 10th 1882.

My Dearest Husband -

We have arrived safely from our charming trip to Los Angeles - with its lovely orange groves & blossoms - and are in our old room at the Grand - expecting to leave this afternoon "for the east" - We received your letters - and as the trip to Yosemite & Los Angeles cost more than we expected - & you want me to pay the girls their allowance - and I wish to buy Lily a silver tea set & get my summer clothes - & Lily wants to buy most of her outfit in Cincinnati on our return I think you will have to send

us some more money to Cincinnati
I think if you send it immediately it
will get there in time - As we expect
to stay two days in Denver + one in
St Louis - Please send a check
for \$ 450 - Hoping you will all
keep well - With much love to all -
+ love + kisses to yourself
from Hattie

Manilla. May 10. 1882

Dear Father,
We would like
\$50. between us. for our own use.
Our expenses have been larger than
^{our} expected especially about the
Boat-house and the Association
and we are almost broke
we ^{are} all well. With love to
all
your son
Harry Means,

Marietta Ohio.

Sat. May 13, 1882.

Dear Father,

The river is rising about 2 inches per hour, and will soon be up into the lower part of the boat-house, but they will have plenty of time to prepare for it, we have had rain ever since yesterday at 5 PM and it also rained Thursday and Tuesday.

What arrangement has been made about 6 boats in the Pomeroy trade? We see something about it in the Cin. papers.

Prexy has been away for a week at Toledo ~~and~~ ^{some kind of a} ~~some~~ Congregational conference, but returned last night.

I suppose you received one of Mr Goddards circulars, what is your opinion on the

subject? his arguments are in agreat
the right direction, and if a change
is made in the management it will be
beneficial, but none of the present faculty
are capable of filling the position as
it should be filled, nor am I in favor
of making it a Presbyterian College.
I hope you will come up here comence-
ment and do your best for an improve-
ment.

Have not heard from the California party
since we last wrote to you, but have
written to them at St Louis-

Next time you go over to Lowmoor
please get us some confederate money
for our cabinet.

There has been appointed a crew
from our class and Geo Russell Jr is
one of the members, four in the crew.
All well, love to all,

Yours truly

E. C. Means.

Adland Ky 14th May 1892

Dear Boys

Harry's of 10th instant came duty to hand. I do not remember to have had any acknowledgment to mine of 30th ult, inclosing fifty (\$50+) dollars to you —

Have had rains every day for a week past. Oatens Show was here Wednesday, Tom & Henry attended. The stockholders in the Ky J. C. Mill, Co., held their annual meeting this week and selected old board of directors and officers.

Frank Syman spent Friday here, returning that night to Lohar. He was out to see about selling on to Mr Ganett for the Norton. Ganett's family are here, boarding at the Hotel Adair, will probably live in the Bank building.

Our last letter was from Lily, after a visit by the party to the Yosemite Valley — whence they expected to go to Los Angeles and after that would probably turn their faces homeward now all well and enjoying the trip.

Suppose they will start next week

and unless we hear to the contrary we shall
expect them next after. The RR lev-
inets Wednesday, do not suppose
we shall have many stockholders
present. I inclose draft for
fifty (\$50.00) dollars, Dine at Putnam's
to day with Sam and wife —
Lavin and Bessa get along quiet,
so far as I know —

Yours truly
John Means



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mr John Means
Ashland
Boyd Co. Ky.

Marietta May 17 1882

Dear Father.

Yours of the ~~letter~~ 12th and
the 15th was duly received with their
drafts of \$60. each. for which we
thank you very much we are all
well with much love to all

Yours Son

Harry Means

Marietta Ohio
May 21 1882

Dear Father

Your favor of the 15th was received Wednesday enclosing draft for Fifty Dollars (\$50), for which please receive thanks.

Tomorrow is Mrs Burgess' birthday and Harry & I are invited up to tea. Saturday there was a game of ball on the campus between some of the students and a club from Hammar.

Friday night there was an entertainment given by the small children for the benefit of the Womens Home. it was the "Enchanted Princess" and was well rendered.

Harry received a letter from Rose
written at St Louis.

We are having more rain today.
Our Hall is being nicely repaired
for the D. U. Convention next fall.
We are having good boat now
and there has been another
appointed.

Wednesday afternoon a committee was
appointed to make arrangements for
Field Day.

The Sophomores will have their May
Day, Tuesday. The Freshmen have been
given Friday for spring amusement.

The '83 Promenade Concert will
take place, Thursday 25 inst, at the
Literary Society Halls. Admission \$1.

Are you interested in the Rockcastle
Company or is it foreign capital.

All well Love to all

Yours truly
E. C. Means

Marionetta C.
May 27, 1882

Dear Mother

Received your letter yesterday, will try and come when you said but even if we do not ~~dash~~ will, it will one of the worst times in the year to leave our studies as we will be preparing for Commencement and the commencement examination and if we do not pass our exam we will not make the Sophomore class.

I hardly know what to purchase for the wedding present but will begin to examine Glines stock about how much should I invest

Uncles George and Ross will hardly accept your invitation, so you need not expect them. Do not forget your Marietta friends when you send out the invites. We will need more money so send us fifty dollars to pay our board for this month and fifty dollars to come home on and to buy our presents with.

Had a pretty good time at the Promenade Concert last Thursday about 60 couples present and it lasted till One O'clock.

The quartet made about 20 dollars. This afternoon there is to be a game of base ball between the juniors and seniors, none of them have practiced "very much if any". Cousin Sam Put gave a party in honor of Israel Putnam a senior last night. All well love to all your aff son E. C. O'Keane '85

She lied. Turn her off.

Marietta Ohio

May 25 1882

Dear Rose

We received your postcard last night but as it implicated our character as being not just what it should be, we answer at once.

Your Irish Catholic thief undoubtedly told an unfounded falsehood and when we come home she will have to own up to it.

We had a key to the jelly closet so we took one glass of "best apple '81" and that was all out of that closet, out of the closet in her room we took two cans of corn and one can of pineapple, and

we bought one can of tomatoes
from Chambers, that is all; now
we brought none of these with us.
I thought when we left, this
would happen, for she told
us two or three lies when we
were at home. I wrote you
the one about the chicken without
any breast did I not?

Mr Richardson "at the bank", said
that when she worked for Mrs
Solbert that she was an awful
liar.

When we come home we will
make things hot for her.
Has mother inquired about the
eggs, and what became of them?
Can you find the boxing gloves
if so please send them to us
at once.

Yours truly

E. C. Means



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Mrs John Means
Ashland
Boyd Co Ky

Marietta May 31. 1882

Dear Mother,

We received your letter last week dated at Cin. which was gladly welcome and we were glad to hear that you are all well. The Seniors & Juniors had a game of base ball, last Saturday, in which the Seniors won, we are all well, with love to all

Your Son
Harold Meane