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that you enjoyed your visit so
much there, I am so happy & glad
to know that every thing thus far
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think the rest of your trip will be
as pleasant, I hope so any way.

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to direct it - & I wonder why I did
not think to ask you, for I don't
wish to direct to Mrs Harry R. M.,
until I have read that the knot has
been tied to make you Mrs, and

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for Nellie Knell, I suppose
Harry will be quite overjoyed; & when
he is feeling so well with his
sawing and putting size near him
I have letters left - at the door for
you in your maiden name
instead of as his wife - I shall
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girl, and put them in his care.
For Nellie, and not add, Miss
or Mrs. How will that do?

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and the idea that perhaps you are
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distance still greater from me - makes
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But you must write me long
letters, and Nellie Bly - if you don't
go into every particular you will
forfeit your road - now don't forget,
I'm up quite early this morning, &

it is delightful, quite cool enough,
so I sit in our front room in
my little rocking chair, writing to
you. I really think Nellie that
I am mentioning, yesterday I went
out in the afternoon, & made fun
cases with mother, I did not get
all kind out, so I feel quite encouraged,
and besides in the morning I rode
over to the Depot & on to the Office -
Evening,

Was interrupted by a call
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& played checkers with me, we had
quite a merry time & played
until near dinner time. This
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see I am really arranged - & I do
feel a great deal better. We are

Having quite an excitement in
town, about the P. O. You know
those Posts that were put up there,
Gen Beall & am I am say that
they shall not come up unless
the law obliges them to be taken up,
and they expected father to go away
from this as they could let
some one in to get more rent, then
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place in the corner of his store,
which father has accepted of, & we
shall possibly go in there before time
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will be much easier for me, as it
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Steamer



July 21
1866
from Lu

Capt. Harry P. Mitchell
Appeal Office,
Carson, Ca.

"Bellie Key"

Norway Maine.

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Capt Harry R Mighels

Appeal Office,

Carson City

"Nellie Bly,"