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Per Steamer 7/29 plot shrugton Miss Sellie L. Verriel Carson City. Nevada

New Haven Conn Sunday July 29 1866

My Dear Sister,

You will observe that I am still sojourning in the City of Elms, and will probably wonder what in the world keeps me here -- why, this is all -- it seems like home to me and the folks appear to be willing to have me about, so thats why I stop over Sunday.

Much things have happened since your "bark is on the sea", the most important item of which things is a small item of the male persuasion, weighing 8 6/16 lbs, which happened this morning, making one of your brothers a father and all the rest of us uncles and aunts.

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child -- when I saw it, it hadn't got its eyes open so its chief point of beauty was under the lid to me. Mrs Mansfield says its a Verrill sure. I think it is rather Smithy -- anyway it yells lustily like both the Verrill and the Smith babies -- therefore resembles both families -- its hair is something considerable and is very dark -- black, perhaps.

Flora was taken sick last night about midnight -- she is comfortable and doing well -- I apprehend that the whole affair will prove a decided success -- before I close will get her message and Add's to send you.

Am not able to tell you anything about the Portland people, for neither Add nor myself has received a single word from that town since we left it.

Nellie, our hearts are dancing

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with you over the waves -- we sit and conjecture where you may be and what you may be about each day and many times each day. I hope my dear girl, that everything is going prosperously and that He who numbers the hairs of our heads will ever hold you in the hollow of His hand, and keep you in safety and in joyous health.

Ere this reaches you, your sea voyage will have terminated and you will probably be quietly established in Carson City with a strong arm to lean upon and a warm heart to rest against -- if so. I congratulate him as a brother and welcome him to our little family circle, in the name of my good sister and his dear wife. I direct the letter to Miss deeming it the more prudent course, for you know "there's many a slip" -- I want to hear from you

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I send you therefore all I have of that commodity. Monday I found myself in Phila -- called at the house in the Evening -- folks were at home -- introduced to father, mother, sisters and the rest -- went to bed. Monday night at 1 o'clock

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My regards to Mr Rhodes, when you see him and to Harry

Write soon and tell me all you can think of -- Meanwhile, dear Sis. I am Your bad brother

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Miss Nellie L. Verrill Carson City Nevada

[From Bro' Washington]