

Portland, Aug. 19, 1866.

Sunday Evening.

My Darling Sister Nellie -

I wonder where you are tonight? - We are expecting news from you very soon, and I'm exceedingly anxious to hear. It is more than a month since you left Portland, and you have not often been out of my thoughts. It rains tonight and I'm here alone in our parlor sitting on the sofa, - everything as it was when you were here, excepting the Toy which hangs at the window nearness the piano and climbs up both ways toward the pictures. I've been writing to my little wife. She is at home

making a visit, and I'm
as lovely as you please as I
often wonder now how I used
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I presume Mary writes you
very often - And you will
probably hear from Norway
quite as often as I do - I
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My business is very good at
present - much as I can
do - No, I could do more if
I had it, but still I keep at
work. Tell Harry that I will
await the Nevada election
retains with much interest.

I sincerely hope, and earnestly
too, that he will succeed in
all that he desires at the
hands of the public. It
would please me to receive
a copy of the Appeal now
and then. Please attend
to that when you are fairly
settled there. And I want
a full description of all
your surroundings - minute
and particular. Everything
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I (when she is here) speak
of you very often indeed.
How does the change of climate
affect your throat? - I am
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My eyes ache and it is
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From Bro. Byron

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