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By Steamer:

Miss nellie Vernie

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June 11 - 1865

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Dear Nellie:

I have just received your kind letter of May 12th in which you mention having received mine of April 11th concerning my arrival in San Francisco. Many thanks for your kind congratulations for my cordial reception among my old friends. And I owe you more than I can express for your prayers in behalf of my good resolutions. Your goodness and purity of heart have great influence with me. The belief that you feel an interest in my holding steadfast to well formed resolutions sustains and comforts me. Your candour and frankness in declaring that vou could not have entertained

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my proposition had you thought me the Harry you knew years ago, prove your good judment while flattering me into a belief that I have improved - like old wine — with age. My judgment commends your caution in not fully committing your self while my earnest hearts yearnings crave a complete resignation of your love into my keeping. I long to be near you — as you express it — to prove your heart. It seems to me that the season of my absence from you is so much of lifetime lost. I try to pray that a good Providence shall hasten our meeting with one another never to be separated. You warn me not to trust you. I trust in God that my future life is not to be one long, bitter disappointment — as

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you for my nearest and dearest companion. I feel that your sympathies and kindly thoughts are already with me. Heaven send me your dear love and make our desires a unit.

I hope you have got the letter and papers I have sent you from here. I sent you a piece of new music. Did you get it?

Mother mentions the fact which you allude to — your "notice to quit" your boarding place. Mother expresses the fear that you may be obliged to return to Portland to take up your residence there. I hope not. I had rather have you remain in Norway. I can place you there. Besides, you and Lue are too good friends who separated. Couldn't you get board at cousin Ruth's mausoleum? Why cant you board with Add's father in law?

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By the way he and his sweetheart are to be married on the 15th of this month — you tell me. Present the happy pair with my congratulations. Tell brother Addison that he ought to visit this wonderful country to feast on geological and minerological wonders. I wish he would come and bring you and his wife with him.

The girls in Norway seem to have caught the marrying mania, judging from your account. Tell Lue that she has my consent to marry Joe — since she rejected me. Give that dear cousin of mine the sweetest kind of kiss for my sake. I wrote to her

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from here. I hope she got my letter. Tell Lue and Henry Rust to send me their photographs, and send me your own. I am raising a pair of chin whiskers. When they grow out I will have my picture taken and send you one.

I am see-sawing away at my editorial duties after a plodding sort of fashion. There are very few incidents transpiring here to furnish material for subjects — but the people must have a newspaper and they flatter me with occasional expressions of satisfaction with my efforts. This place has been a regular grave-yard for newspapers, and if I succeed in making a permanent institution of the Appeal, I

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shall indulge my vanity with a feast of self credit. And you know what an awful egotist I am.

We are having a season of dry, hot summer weather now. This quiet Sunday, the clouds have spread themselves over the sky and it is sultry and close. — I have neglected going to church to wite this great long letter. So you must share my sin of Sabbath breaking with me.

I am glad that Wash is so near ready to make you happy with a visit. Will he be mustered out, or will he remain in the regular service? If I were of his age, I think I should prefer a soldiers life. I sometimes regret having left the service—especially in view

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of the fact of the fall of Richmond and the surrender of Lee's army in the great glory of which events I wish I had participated.

I shall part company with the "filthy mud" before meeting you again. I will make you that promise — and what is better — keep it.

Gottschalk gave us a concert the other night. So you see, we are not so utterly excluded from the world of fashion and great events as you would suppose. Remember me to your brothers and sisters. Give my love to Gussy and Abner and to Henry Rust. I have already given you a commission to execute with Lue.

Write to me often Nellie and love me all you can. Your daguerreotype stands open before me as I write. I wish its dear original was as near me. Remember me in your prayers and accept much love from yours affectionately

Henry R. Mighels.

[sideways in left margin] P.S. Don't forget to give my love to Mary Gosse when you see or write to her. Tell Lue to write to me. Harry.

[envelope]

By Steamer.

[Postmark:] CARSON CITY JUN 11

Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine.