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By Steamer Mis Nelli L. Vemil Monory Village Maine.

## Carson July 9th 1865

#### Dear Nellie:

I sent a photograph representation of a street in Carson to Lue, by the last steamer, on the back of which I tried to explain, in pencil, that a letter which I had written to you would probably miss of conveyance by the mail steamer from the fact that I had (or I think I had) neglected to endorse it properly. For my own sake, I hope you get it; not that its contents are more intensely in teresting than my effusions usually are, but because I am anxious to keep you in my debt, epistolarily.

## Gaining breath after this

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explanatory prelude, I will proceed to tell you about our Fourth of July, which day, you will learn by reference to the Almanac has just lately passed over this was stained and now Peace blessed hemisphere. I assure you we had a very glorious time of it. Perhaps, however, I was prejudiced; for having been the Poet of the Day. I naturally feel that the people were happy and appreciative. Maybe you were not aware that you had a Poet for a lover. To tell the honest truth, I didn't know it myself. and am some what in doubt about it yet. Not in doubt about the lover part, but about my being

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"a poet". However, I effulged, and a good natured audience yielded a modicum of applause; and pressing upon your amiability I send you a copy of my verses. Be charitable Nellie and withhold your keener criticism remembering that this is my first attempt at playing "Poet Laureate". I must confess that I was pretty badly scared when I got up before all the dignitaries of the State and their wives and daughters, to pronounce my effusion. But I worried through and was glad enough when the last line was uttered -- and I expect that my auditors were too. We had a very handsome procession previous to the

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Reading of the Declaration of Independence and the delivery of the Nation and Poem. Then we had a brilliant display of fireworks in the evening and a magnificent ball at night. I would have given anything in the world to have had you there. You may be certain that I danced with all the prettier ladies in the ball, and paid due respect to the musical declaration of the "winged and stringed instruments" thus "we won't go home till morning". You will get some idea of the abundance of ladies here and of the size of the ball when I tell you that there were over one hundred and fifty couples present. But enough of this. You have doubless become satiated

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with Fourth of July experiences

as detailed in the papers; and as I hope, and am very certain; had a jolly time of your own on that day. It is quite a probability that I shall purchase an interest in the Appeal. One of the partners in the institution wants to go to the States and has made me a very reasonable offer of his share. I have taken the matter "under advisement" as the lawyers say, and think I shall conclude to buy. If I do, and things turn out as I hope they may, I shall be able to make a short visit home next year, retaining my interest here. By that

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arrangement I shall be able to gratify my longing to see you and other loved ones and to extend you an invitation to visit Silverland with me. Will you come?

I am afraid you will miss receiving this letter when it arrives at the Norway Post Office, remembering that, in your last, you told me that it was likely that you would accompany Ad and his bride on their wedding tour. You may say that I beg to tender them my heartiest congratulations and wishes for a never ending honeymoon.

If you have been, are going, or have gone with them I think that you traveling

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and sight seeing experience has filled your anticipations of pleasure. I shall expect to receive your descriptions of pleasure trips to Newport, Saratoga, Niagara Falls and the Central Park; hair breadth scapes by sea and land from the imminent deadly assaults of love stricked admirers; essays upon the beauty of the fair women and brave men whom you have encountered, with expressions of delights to get back to Norway once more, the sweetest village there nestles away the pine trees and rocky hills of New England -- or any other region.

We have just got the news of the suicide of the

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Chivalric lunatic who fired the first gun in Fort Sumpter. This is received as one of the proofs of "the eternal fitness of things." Thus be it ever.

I hope you have had the pleasurable satisfaction of receiving Wash at home once more. If that war scarred veteran has greeted his dear sister, give him my assurances of a most distinguished consideration.

Kiss Lutituty and Emma and Hattie for me and give Henry Rust a very gentle squeeze of the hand in token of my love and regard. I would also renew my expressions of affection to Gussy and Abner. Remember me to Byron and pray for me and accept the never ending love of yours affectionately

Henry R. Mighels

[sideways left margin] P.S. I have sent you a copy of the Appeal containing the

very eloquent oration delivered here by Chief Justice Lewis. Let me know if you get it. Ever thine, H.

[envelope]

By Steamer

[postmark:] CARSON CITY JUL 10

Miss Nellie L. Verrill Norway Village Maine.