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may 27-1866 miss mellie Vernill

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Carson May 27th /66

Dear Nellie:

Your letter of April 26th dated at the Steep Falls "Retreat" came on Thursday, and I find by consulting the almanac that I have time to answer it in this regular Sunday missive.

I suppose Byron will be married tomorrow. If I were sure that the event would take place then, I should be sorely tempted to incur the expense of telegraphing my congratulations. But if it has been done it is all over with now, and the happy couple will accept

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my blessing. Kiss the fair bride for me and tell her that I shall expect a piece of the wedding cake when you come out.

I dont wonder you don't like the photographs of myself which I had taken in Virginia. I was thin enough then, but the pictures made me look worse than I really was. That awful picture which you say looks so old in the group looks worse than I ever did. But the fact is. I was not as robust then as I have been before and since -- indeed I have gained several pounds since then and over

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in much better condition now than I have been since last Summer. I say this to spite my pictures and to assure you that they do no do me justice! But I hope you may have a chance to see for yourself before many weeks.

My rival -- the Nevada State Journal -- is dead. It lived nine days, at the end of which time having lived the allotted period of modern wonders, it yielded up its hopeless existence. Sic transit &c. Well! I am master of the situation again -- and "my right there is none to dispute".

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my friends, as I predicted they would, rallied to the support of the Appeal -- and we did not lose a dollar by the publication of the newspaper. This is flattering to me and altogether encouraging to Robinson and Mighels, the publishers of the Appeal.

About Rhoades -- whom you have no doubt met before this -- if you feel the slightest aversion to putting yourself under his charge -- why tell him so, of course. But I am convinced that you will

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find him as pleasant as it is possible for so bashful a man as he to be -- and you may rest assured that he is a very worthy, estimable gentleman, and one whose estimation of the proprieties of life are altogether correct. But, as I say, if, as is sometimes the case upon the meeting of ladies and gentlemen who are unacquainted with one another, the lady should find herself unaccountably inpressed with a prejudice against the gentleman -- why, the "lady" will be perfectly excusable if she says, "I won't travel with that hateful old Rhoades!" But I guess you and he will

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get along nicely -- but you must be careful and not fall in love with him even though he is a State Treasurer -- with a salary of \$3,600 a year.

I beleive I told you what I have done with the big photograph of myself. It hangs in Mrs Beatty's parlor, awaiting your coming and claiming. If you chose to send it to mother why -- do as you chose -- that's all.

It still continues cold. This, indeed is the coldest May I ever saw anywhere. Just at this moment the sun is shining. A quarter of an hour ago it was hailing at a great rate. We all expect sudden

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hot weather when June commences.

By the way, I have

moved my sanctum again. I am now in the front room, up stairs, over my printing office. My window overlooks the parlor and the mountains on the north and west. I have a notion to rent the whole upper part of this building and fix it up for a tenement for you and me. There are four rooms and one of them might, by a little tight squeezing be made to answer for kitchen and dining room. The apartment where I am writing, could, with a little outlay, be converted into a sunny little sitting room -- an

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adjoining room is quite large enough for a chamber and a little room, now occupied by a dentist as a sleeping apartment would serve as my office or for a spare bed-room as circumstances might suggest. By this arrangement you would not be left alone after night and while I was in attendance upon the printers. How do you like the idea?

Get ready and come to me darling as soon as you possibly can. I am irrepressibly impatient to have you with me. Love to all -- dream of me every night and love me more and more until we meet. Ever affectionately

Harry --

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Miss Nellie Verrill Norway Village Maine