

At. Mollen's

Portland May 5th 1868

My dear Mary

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Thank you for your short letter of April 1st. I hoped another would come but it is past the time to hope longer.

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Friday evening I attended the
dramatic entertainment. I've enclose the
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There are the church bells - bye bye -

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With love and greetings,

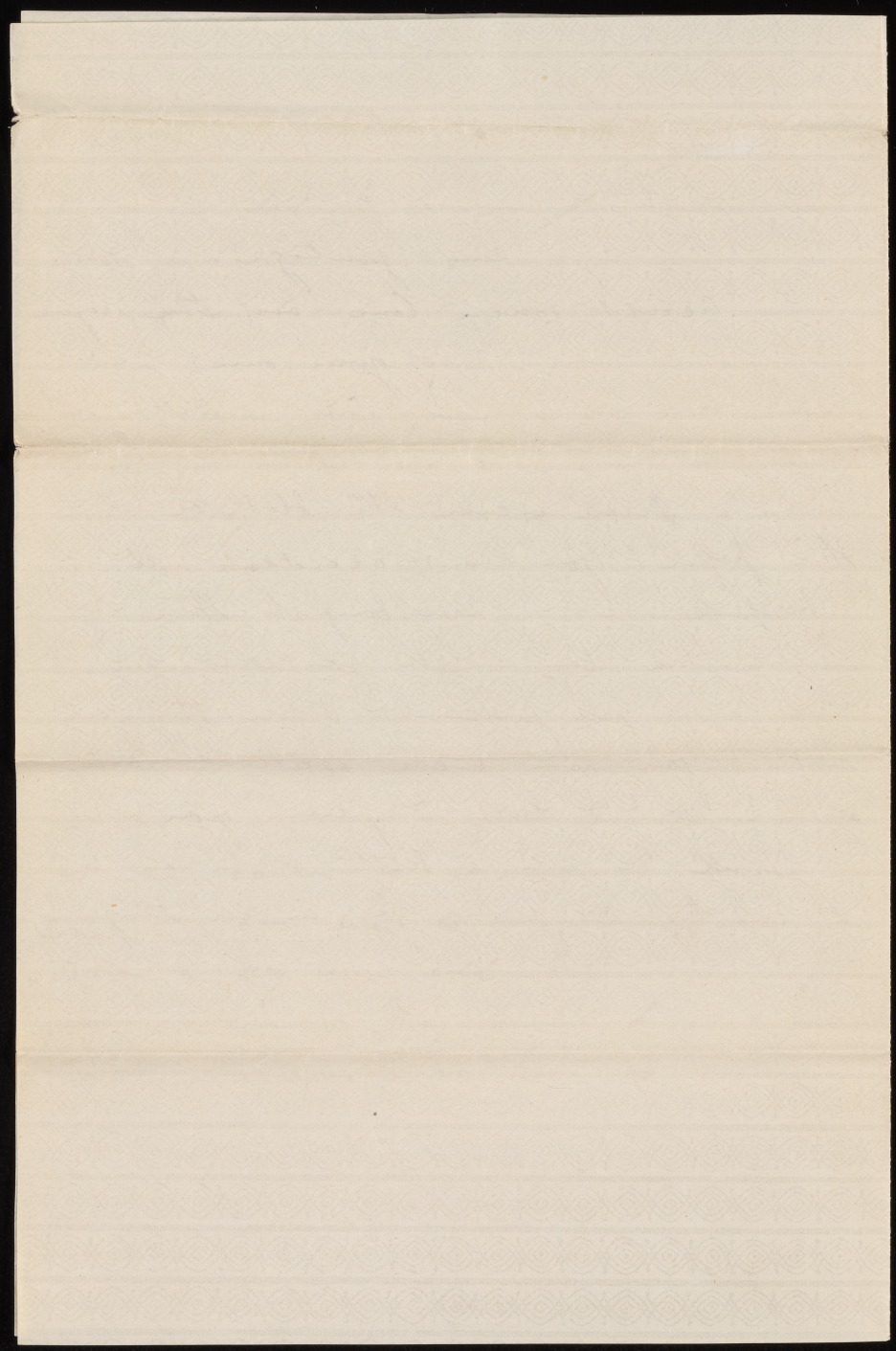
Accept much love and the prayer

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Walter

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To Commence at 8 o'clock.

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Tickets 35 Cents.....Reserved Seats 50 Cents.

Stephen Berry, Printer, foot of Exchange St., Portland.

By Steamer

May 6, 1866



Major Harry R. Nichols

Carson City
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By Steamer

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Major Harry R. Mighels
Carson City
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