Carm nov 8th 11/15 Dear Melli: I leave been laboring under a mistake in regard to the sailing clarys of the mare Manners. Instead of laking their defeature on the 3d and 18th as during the Jumes sunths, they sow for on the AUT 20's land last days of sail much, here my last uniter letter whent I by peeded to It leave lent univertal homors to the Hearnship Company by lutriting for farence on my birth day will have to take its Cleances with this and other common place letters. I was also wiestaken about the manner of Conveyance of your last two letters they came by Sheamen letel sed overland, as I find thought they dad. Well, I stand me lez married in very Office milel a quarter apart 12° clock. on Friday Turney by way of wallering say old 34th year fo our and to catch my new 35th year Come in. I confus to my shown The I failed to be unpreme with the following of the Occasion - and I was suprefied enough to fo to bed and fleep as soundly as if my age was only half of thirty five instead of being

half of seventy. Don't Charden at Curtuplaz I tim of this awful trust. Remember that twice twenty one is feety twoland leveler the jois and pleasures of a Certain fair fat and fully live Jun old lady with an old chap of fifty six for her loving for John! I find a very touching Juie of Jevetry in an Erschange substilled "The Tumberoun of mame whil I clip our hus lend for. Can't you find Some muser which will fuit it and make is one of Jun Jugs? There an whole himes: Thit a look of moder and many fride That made them look tall'

It remaid, me of the warning contained in there lines of Oliver Toundell Holmes' Juny of the Loyal north ":-" God help them if the temper Swings The fine against the falm!" I feel a thuil that makes me tall" when I think of the heroesin of the men of maine and klamember That you and I were born within the sound of the waters of the androscoggin. Und Wellie, I am proud That I have feartly facued the eight to love you by doing lanning a foldiers' Lears in Olefinse of that old flag Mil we all love so well. This Republics would.

have surved its shocks quite as Ruceesfully if I had remained suprime and listles in California, but no action of my lefe fives me so much fatisfaction as the shep which I took Toward ferving very Comby. I regret leaving less the fermie before the final blow was Struck, but as you Knidt, tell me, it was hest for my habits than I dea. I am thankful the able and who funished with the means of still Levery, to the best of my ability, the Lame Cause mit my pen. I can Lay to you wheat is would be ejotern and unmoderly for me to fay to auntin, I have done the state forme service, and they know is! The appeal is the frost Equare up" min paper ever published in Caren Reed its Conduct has pleased the minists and veres the Copperheeds - and I am langely delighted with both results. Our ellchim takes place on the day after homomond -Jurday the 7th of hovember - and if we lime a muin brokery I mean to belignes the result right shought to gue, if the wines are working. Und as you will for the telepow before you get this letter, much my Jurphisy - we will Carry every country but me

in this State and lest in Engerman by a handeme majority. I had a fresen made to me in my birth day. What do you suppose it was! hothey here un lus than a plane fuel of Crokers' from my little friends Bessie and weller Johnson. By the way, I lear going I Change my boarding house lommon leaving the wedow Brugham to her weeds and accepting an unchatem from Govern Johnson and his food wife Is make my leone wit them. Isul that Kind and pleasant! I believe I told you were that me Johnson was once

Yourner of California, His wife is one of the most becomplished and extendele ladies that I ever knew and I shall be more agreeably Returned as one of her fundy. I am waiting for an answer & my Juspostin to rend a box of exercis to add. You that Secentifie Jentleman and his food rufe my Kudest regards likewie Umember me & Byron and his beautiful lady-love, sed fregetting brash, I many hors and the rest of the family. Promise Haltie and burna a Chrestons present from The. It shall be first ening. Kir tue and Gussie for me lift up a brief prayer from your hellow for me, and accept subomber love from yours affectionately wishels.

Hort Du 6-Mis Rellie Verrile Bux 16 Penice Pott-Eggaine

### Carson Nov 5th 1865

#### Dear Nellie:

I have been laboring under a mistake in regard to the sailing days of the mail steamers. Instead of taking their departure on the 3d and 18th as during the summer months, they now go on the 10th, 20th and last days of each month; — hence my last written letter which I expected to have lent immortal honors to the Steamship Company by embarking for Panama on my birthday will have to take its chances with this and other common

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place letters. I was also mistaken about the manner of conveyance of your last two letters — they came by steamer and not overland, as I first thought they did.

Well, I remained in my office until a quarter apast 12 o'clock on Friday morning by way of watching my old 34th year go out and to catch my new 35th year come in. I confess to my shame that I failed to be impressed with the solemnity of the occasion — and I was unpoetical enough to go to bed and sleep as soundly as if my age was only half of thirty five instead of being

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half of seventy! Don't shudder at contemplation of this awful truth. Remember that twice twenty one is forty two—and consider the joys and pleasures of a certain fair fat and forty two year old lady with an old chap of fifty six for her loving "Joe John"!

I find a very touching piece of poetry in an Exchange, entitled "The Lumberman of "Maine" which I clip out and send you. Can't you find some music which will suit it and make it one of your songs? There are noble lines:
"With a look of modest and manly pride That made them look tall" —

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It reminds me of the warning contained in those lines of Oliver Wendell Holmes' "Song of the Loyal North": --

"God help them if the tempest swings The pine against the palm!"

I feel a thrill that makes me "tall" when I think of the heroism of the men of Maine and remember that you and I were born within the sound of the waters of the Androscoggin. And Nellie, I am proud that I have partly gained the right to love you by earning a soldiers' scars in defense of that old flag which we all love

### so well. This Republic would

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have survived its shocks quite as successfully if I had remained supine and listless in California; but no action of my life gives me so much satisfaction as the ship which I took toward serving my country. I regret having left the service before the final blow was struck, but as you kindly tell me, it was best for my habits that I did.

I am thankful to be able and to be furnished with the means of still serving, to the best of my ability, the same cause with my pen. I can say to you what it would be egotism and immodesty for

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me to say to another, "I have done the state some service, and they know it." The Appeal is the first "square up" minor paper ever published in Carson and its conduct has pleased the Unionists and vexed the Copperheads -- and I am hugely delighted with both results. Our elections takes place on the day after tomorrow ---- and if we have a minor victory I swear to telegraph the result right straight to you, if the wires are working. And as you will get that telegram before you get this letter, mark my prophesy -- we will carry every county but one

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in this state and elect our Congressman by a handsome majority.

I had a present made to me on my birth day. What do you suppose it was? Nothing more nor less than a plate full of "Cookies" from my little friends Bessie and Willie Johnson. By the way, I am going to change my boarding house tomorrow -- leaving the widow Bingham to her weeds and accepting an invitation from Governor Johnson and his good wife to make my home with them. Isn't that kind and pleasant? I beleive I told you once that Mr Johnson was once

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Governor of California. His wife is one of the most accomplished and estimable ladies that I ever knew and I shall be most agreeably situated as one of her family.

I am waiting for an answer to my proposition to send a box of specimens to add. Give that scientific gentleman and his good wife my kindest regards — likewise remember me to Byron and his beautiful lady—love, not forgetting Wash, Mary Gosse and the rest of the family. Promise Hattie and Emma a Christmas present from me. It shall be forthcoming.

Kiss Lue and Gussie for me lift up a brief prayer from your pillow for me, and accept unbounded love from yours affectionately

Henry R. Mighels.

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Miss Nellie Verrill Care B. D. Verrill Box 165. Portland Maine.