

After... 10... days, return to

..... *C. S. Denson* .....

MILL CITY, NEV.



*Mr. C. M. Sparks*  
*Reno, Nevada.*

*of Governor Sparks*

Sierra, Via Mill City, Nev.

Dear Charles,

I arrived in camp all  
O. K. & am about the busiest  
"Injun" you ever saw, it has  
been raining here for two days  
& I am as wet as a h —  
right now.

Charles I am going to  
ask a personal favor of you  
& would like for you to attend  
to this before the 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are having quite a  
fight about water here with  
Pack & Sample - we have the  
water running through ~~out~~ our  
townsite here & they are  
trying to divert the water  
from here over to their

townsite. It looks like they have Nicholas, the State Engr, on their side.

Mr. Walther, the man we purchased the property from applied for the water, the same as you & Bonnie did for your City water, & enclosed you will find that they have told <sup>him</sup> he was the only man that had ever applied for water in Barber Canyon - Later we are informed that Nicholas is in with Peck & Sample or at least they have given him something to get him to use his influence for them.

Mr. Van Nagell is coming out to make an examination of the proposition. understand

he is Nicholas representative  
now go see Van Nagell & tell  
him you have heard about  
the water fight & see if you  
can get him to give us as  
much as a fair decision  
anyway. You know them both  
well & as your father has  
appointed them to their  
present office - you might  
be able to get them to give  
us a square deal anyway.

Remember without this  
water our property would  
be no good - so you can see  
the water is worth a fortune  
now get busy & if I make  
a go out here your gratefulness  
will be remembered - I sh  
sure stand to make the big

clean up.

Just tell them that I'm  
a friend or cousin of yours - &  
you know that will carry some  
weight. & remember to tell  
them to do all they can for  
us - "Bradshaw & Danson"

Peck & Sample - have old  
Henry Anderson & Sam Wheeler  
of Reno in with them - "a dirty  
lobbing" outfit" & you know if  
the State Engr favors them we  
have no money to fight a law  
suit with. Use all the influence  
you can with the State Engr.

Return the enclosed letter  
incidentally show it to Van Nagell  
& Nicolas it will show them  
we are probing it to the bottom.

Remember me to all the folks  
& write me what you have  
found out before the 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Do not delay one minute. I'll  
stand all expenses.

Pardon pencil - Get a pair  
of opera glasses to read this.  
Hastily your Cousin  
Clifton.