



Mr. C. M. Sparks,

Leno

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Nevada
E. U. S.

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acknowledging the letter
which you forwarded for
me, she said she was go-
ing to Idaho to live &
would write again soon.

Have not heard from
her since poor girl,
God protect & be good
to her. My only possession
is memory of the past.
These, boy, are thoughts
which lie too deep for
tears, please guard them,
Charles, from a gossiping
& slanderous world.

Your "Country Store"
is all right in theory,
Chas, but you could not
realize on it. You
have not the territory
to draw from. Location.
If the valley were thick-
ly settled, it would be

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I have been thinking of
writing you for some time
but have been so busy
that I could not find
time. I am well and
hope these few lines
will find you the same.
I have not much news
to write at present.
The weather here is
very pleasant now.
I hope you are enjoying
yourself. I would like
to hear from you soon.
Write when you have
a chance. I am
always your affectionate
friend,
John

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a feasible idea but
at present, I am afraid
not.
If you would like
a partner in live stock
just guard your
money 'til I get back
there and we will give
her a whirl. I know
how to do it, and it
is a sure go, how-
ever I don't think it
would be in Nevada.
Besides, tho, I don't
think I could ever be
content again with any-
thing but the open, with
sky & stars for covering.
(You know those Texas
steers are crazy devils
& require plenty of
range.)
My kindest regards

Divisadero, 5-26-08.

Mrs. O. M. Sparks

Reno, Nev.

Dear little Pop!

I am over here to see Harry off & shall just pick up a note by him.

I have come to know Harry quite well and I sure hate to see him go. He seems almost a brother to me. Now I will be a sure-enough outcast and God only knows for how long.

Where is J. Stickle? I wrote him a letter but never heard from him.

Charles I am very sorry to know of the

(Faint, mirrored handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side)

Calamity, attending
you folks, in the form
of your father's misfortune
in health and I trust
it may not be so
serious as you rep-
resent. Express my
sincere regrets and
sincere hope for his
speedy recovery.

Charles, old boy, my
heart well up in my
throat when I read
your letter regarding
things that were, but
I cannot go back, to
enjoy your company
and those times we did
& would have, some
time, yes, (God grant)
don't know when.

The girl wrote me a
last letter from Newwith

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to Mr. Nelson and
Alex. Strachan.

You ask about Harry,
who can answer for
himself.

If there's still hunting
on American river,
when I get home, we'll
go there for a spell.

kindest regards to
all the family.

Write to me often,
Chas, what in hell is
the matter with you, don't
say that it is a d—n
thing but laziness. I
know!

Hells! to Bradley and
all those old boys who
ask for me.

As Believes,
E. Bull.

P.S. Sent you a check
for \$15⁰⁰ some weeks
ago. Did you get it.

Excuse this hasty
scribbling,

Ed