



St. Louis, July 19th 1886

My dear wife:

I read your card to Green-
cutter this morning. You must remem-
ber that there are distances here. It will
not do to estimate less than four days to
reach points in Kansas.

Last night was just about as I
had expected - about 70 percent. The
newspapers gave us more notices
this morning and I look for about
89 - tonight.

In Topeka and Kansas City I ex-
pect about the same results. In Kan-
sas and some of the rich better ones;
but I see no prospect of doing more
than just pay off the debt incurred, if
indeed we can do that. If matters do
not show better I shall not go on
beyond Kansas, but shall turn tail
and start home as far as I can
go - or somewhere else. It seems
to have been a most unfortunate
venture all around.



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I have not heard from Dixon but see he had my letter in yesterday and will probably hear from him in a day or two.

I see no way to do about the money except to tell Skinner that the Bureau were not taking him with me and I had to quit them and start out myself. Thus far this has not been as good as I hoped and the expenses were pretty heavy. I will quit this after two weeks more anyhow unless it pays better and see if I cannot make some arrangement somewhere, to do something else. I confess I see no good prospect for anything and don't know where to turn - but I will try.

I can't write any more. There is nothing to write only failure and disappointment.

God bless you
Albion.



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Of course, I have given up all thought of your going to California with me — pretty much all thought of going there myself. I see no prospect of anything cheerful or bright. The Lord evidently has a destined and palpable aspect a gainst me and that is all there is about it. I may be able to make a circuit up for next Fall and Winter that will stretch this out.

There is just in with a brighter face thinking we may have a better hour tonight. Hope so.

Mrs

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