

Hotel Coolidge,

H. C. WHITNEY, Proprietor.

Eureka

Emporia, Kans., March 11, 1886.

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My dear wife:

Your two letters to Emporia were duly read. I knew they would contain some evidence of your love and courage which would have made me very sad if it had not been that my telegram had certainly lightened your gloom. I estimate that you must have got my letter from Emporia last night and if so you must be in better spirits today. I dreamed of you yesterday afternoon when I was trying to get a nap, as sick and worried - just crying as if your heart would break from weakness and disappointment. It made my heart ache but I consoled myself with the thought that it could not be so now that the prospect was brighter. Never mind all the woes during the time has not been exactly wasted. We shall see advantages from it yet.

If it were not for breaking the engagements, which I know you are always opposed to my doing, I would throw everything up and come home

at home. I think we will have to
stick to it till there are filled how-
ever, and then I will come with a
colic. How glad I shall be to see
you? If I come through Canada, I
will send for you to come to Buffalo
— to the Fifth House, I don't want to go
to the mansion just now — and you
can make a contract with Mr.
Muller about the book, and perhaps
with the other Mullers for some
thing else. Then we will go home
and be happy. We are making something
now — had two \$50. houses this week and
the one in this little town here was over
\$40. So we are not so bad off as our
railroad fare costs nothing. My
health is not so bad now yet so
good. I give out wonderfully easy
and have not half so much re-
cuperative power as during the first
of the trip — My head is dull and
heavy almost all the time, I
sleep all I can but it does

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not seem to make up the exhaustion of the night before.

I do not know that I am sorry that Charlie is going away. He is a good fellow but not precisely what we want — at least, I think one can get another as good after a time.

Chase has just brought in your letters here. So I will stop and read them.

It was too bad about the notes and your agony. It resulted from Chase's habit of not speaking about things. He will talk of business at a hotel table but not say a word to those interested about important matters. He thought Larnmouth was in James-town. You must not feel so badly about it. Chase has had a good deal to stand up under as well as me and you must make some allowance for that. Don't lose your nerve on your faith, darling. I think we are in a good way now. Don't be unjust to others either for what is my fault.

So you and Sis are both

growing fat since I came away.
What visions of ecstatic bliss and
loveliness your report of "weights
and measures" brought up. I do
not know how I shall manage
to exist with so much beauty
in the house. 159 pounds! I can
only dream how capriciously
lovely you must be! And sis 145!
She is following your example very
faithfully. If I could only tear
myself away from this and
gather kisses on the hearthstone
I am sure I would be strong

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and brave and successful again.
Pardon my folly, Oh my loved
ones! I will never do so again.
I am always wrong when I go
against your feelings and wishes
and — very often I am afraid
when I do not. Eh?

Oh Darling how my heart has bled
for you! But I will come as soon as I
can in honor get away from my en-
gagements. You would not have me
act unfaithfully?

What a noble daughter
is ours! I am so proud of her cour-
age, honor and truth! It was a hard
lesson but how nobly she has tri-
um-
phed. I will write her at once. I
had already written to relieve her
anxiety about our affairs. I will also
write to Lammuth today.

God bless you, my love
Albin.