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x If there was any way of preventing their
ever opening their heads to you again, on
these subjects I would speedily adopt it, but un-
fortunately the only possible cure is beyond my
reach as yet. I am living comfortably here
in Cal. so far as outward appearances
indicate: enjoying the respect and confidence
of all who know me I think; holding no less
than seven offices of one kind and another,
in "church and state", have a good house,
in a good location, & all that, but I assure
you that although I carry or endeavor
to - a cheerful countenance & bearing, I am
actually suffering mentally in view of my
liabilities and the slow progress I am making
toward their discharge.

Sept. 6th. Right here I was
interrupted, & was not able to get at
it again, until we take for the Steamer
of the 1st. As the mails are
forbidden to be sent overland for
the present, the steamer of the 11th
is my first opportunity. Very sorry

for this delay for I know you will
be anxious to get on a foot of business.

I believe I have spoken of
all business matters, though I
assure you I have said but lit-
tle of what I think about them. The
fact is, I get wrothy whenever I
think of the amount of property
I left in Wisconsin, out of which I
am likely to get nothing at all.

But I suppose it is all right.
at least I try to feel so.

Now Sir, why don't
you tell me more about yourself
your business prospects &c. If I rec-
ollect rightly you never have given
me a figure on your success. Or
now success since you stated to me
the salary which R. & D. were to
give you, before you went into part-
nership with them. You complained
of me when I pursued the same pol-

icy - do you want me to adopt
it again? I have not the slightest
idea of whether you made two does,
or two thousand does, by your connec-
tion with that firm, nor have I any
idea whether you now intend to run
a Mississippi Steamboat, or drive an
Overland Stage, or what you design
to do, when you "start in" again.

I have an interesting piece of
information with regard to my own
future business, but I believe I'll
let you wait - awhile before telling.

No, but that's not the reason. I will
tell you all about it the first mo-
ment that it takes tangible form,
so that I will not have to kick it
all over the next time I write.
Meanwhile tell me more definitely
of your condition & prospects.

Have I succeeded in inflaming your
curiosity at all? If so, all right.

For Campbell's affair I will send
a signature in blank which
please fill to suit the case.

We have just got through with
an exciting political campaign, in
which I was obliged to bear an ac-
tive part, being Chairman of the
Union Cent. Com. in this County.
I have no taste for such things,
but this is no time to ~~put~~ take a back
seat. Cal. has gone Union over-
whelmingly. Thank God! Secession
sympathizers here "howl" frightfully
but we can afford to let them.
My action has made some enemies
for me, but they are in the main,
the enemies of my country, and
I can stand it. We are all well
now, though I have just been sick nearly
a week. Bro. Hiram Crawford has
just been to see us from Australia. Has lost
his wife this season. Has now gone to the East.
Is worth 20,000. but didn't give me any help.
Jennie says she can't write now but will soon.

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