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[Elmer C. Smith letters](#)

Letter no. 4

[On Hotel Brunswick letterhead]

Seattle, Wash, Nov 18 1898

Dear Bro & Sister,

We arrived here at 6 A.M. it seems good to get into civilization again. We had a pretty tough trip coming out but had no accidents. Jim I wired you for \$50 this morning and hope things will be so situated that you will not be inconvenienced. I also wired Griffing but don't know whether he will respond or not. We were unsuccessful this summer. I went as far as the Pelly River but the country is absolutely worthless. In many places we were unable to raise a color. The Atlin Lake country is all the talk here now but it is over rated and I think it will be unwise to go in there next season. I have heard of no other strikes and don't think the out look for next year is very bright. I hope that all the family and friends have been well during my absence.

I will write to Griffing about our trip and what I think of the country. I will tell him I am willing to go back in if he wants to put up the money (but he will have to put up pretty well). I am sorry that I did not take your advice last Feb, and remained in College. If you are so fixed I would like very much to finish my course in Champaign. I would like to visit Father and George, but can't say definite until I receive a reply to my telegram. I received one letter from you and one from Lillian when I came through Telegraph Creek. We never got a chance to send out a letter after July 4th, it has seemed a long time to me and I suppose it is just as long for you.

Well I hope to hear from you soone, I said in message to write at San Francisco. If you are unable to help me with school I will stay on the coast. Hoping this will reach you OK and find you in good health. I remain your brother, love to all the family,

E.C. Smith

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