

Letter No. 30

Sherman House  
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Friend Harris

It seemed like old times hearing from you again. Your good letter with the copies of the "Alaskan" were received ten days ago in Melrose, Mass. I was busy at the time getting ready for a trip to Southern California. We have come this far and shall start tomorrow morning for Los Angeles. I expect to remain in Southern California all winter and to be in San Francisco in April. My address will be care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco. I shall keep them advised at the Pay Office of my address and if I am not in the city when letters arrive there for me they will be forwarded. I am not on duty but am making the trip with a friend for pleasure. We are with "Raymond Excursion Party". It is a pleasant way of travelling; everything except Clutchmen being furnished for our wants and comforts. I think I shall be ordered to duty in the spring. If not I should like very much to go to Alaska. I think Benson will go up there in the spring. I saw him in New York the day. I took dinner a few days ago with Gillmore and his wife in Washington they are well and happy. I had heard of the trouble Fuller has given you. Capt. Coghlan wrote to me last August or in July and I told him in my reply what my answers will be to the interrogatories in the case. I sent this letter to Coghlan, care Patrick Cochran, and presume you have seen it. If my evidence will be of any service to you I am at your command. I am glad the prospect is so bright for the future for Alaska as a mining country, and only hope that you and rest of us pioneers may get our reward. We were the first ones to stake our time and money in the new district and we ought to come out winners.

I have just received a letter from Alexander. He is on the "Omaha" in China. You know he went out there with me and is now making a second cruise on that station. The papers you sent me were very interesting. I enjoyed hearing about my old tillicums and reading of the figures Sitka and Harrisburg are making. Remember me very kindly to Col. Ball, Cochran and in fact to all my old friends and believe me

Sincerely yours

James T. Ring

Why couldn't I be subpoenaed?  
care Navy Pay Office  
San Francisco, Calif