

Letter No. 33

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Dear Sir

I was greatly disappointed not hearing from you this mail I got letter from Olds who tells me you did not get the last mail I wrote you 2 letters & Mrs. Pilz one and Capt. Coughlan send you our depositions. They must have held them out on you as that dam crowd won't stoop too low. Yet I hope you will get them this boat & that they may be in time. I wrote you also 2 weeks ago but the steamer did not sail as intended. I was taken to court yesterday the first time since Johnny left & Colemans lawyer got again a continuance on the grounds of the absence of their witness & it is to be 2 months or 3 months more before it will be called again. If I had had some money to give to the Dist. Attorney I could have forced my trial, but so I have not a cent & it is easy for them to do as they please. The Hall's won't do nothing & especially since you did not send them that corrected affidavit. Olds says you don't want to relocate those claims. For Gods sake take my advice & do so as I know what is in them. Coleman's gang are trying to sell the Basin Group to a syndicate for large sum. Carroll & Murray got their case fixed in the U.St. Courts & cleared (of course with Colemans and Steamship Co. money). Dr. Whitell is the only party here, what sticks to me as a friend everybody has abandoned me as they have everyone so impressed with my guilt, besides a person is locked up for 10 months is naturally looked on as guilty. If I had plead guilty in the beginning, being guilty or not, I would have soon been out, & God knows they say they will give me the full extend, which is 14 years. But you may depend they never take me there alive. If it was not for Willie's sake & with the hopes of revenge I would have put an end to this long ago. Poor Willie is working hurding cows for 4.00 month & that don't pay for his cloths, he has got to get up 5 in the morning. I could not get him in a place here, my being in Jail throws the hood on the poor boy & Mrs. Pilz is worse off, she is trying to do sicknursing, but can't earn enough to live, she has often for days nothing but dry bread to eat. The cheap fare from the east in the last 3 months have thrown thousands of poor people here from the east, so every thing is over done. For God sake Dick if you get a few dollars to spare send it to us, no matter how little & if I never have the chance myself to repay you, I shall teach Willie to be grateful to you.

This prison is in terrible hands now too, & although under public investigation, we are terrible treated in the last 3 months, our food can only be eaten by half famished. It was bad last winter but now 1000% worse. I am at present in with a crazy fellow, who already twice tried to do away with himself, don't speak a single word, but eats everything in his reach. I tell you what I suffer, I don't wish anyone to go through.

Paymaster Ring came here a couple weeks ago, but I have been trying to find out where he shops but can't the Capt. Coughlan promised to let me know, but I guess he has forgotten it. Show this letter to Johnny in case his don't reach him & be sure & write & answer Hall's letter also. Although Hall's won't do a thing for me, yet I rather they get the property than the other gang,

and be sure & make those relocations, as I am sure you won't be sorry for it. I wrote Johnny per W.F. & Co.

Hoping that you like the balance won't quite abandon me & that you will write me & comply with my prayer for a little help I remain as ever hoping someday to be able to repay you.

Yours very gratefully

Geo. E. Pilz

Ask your lawyer whether I can't start suit against Fuller for an accounting of our partnership in store, also against Holtern about the saw mill business. Pat Corcoran has my papers in his possession, as he was to be arbitrator & I filed my claim on record in Sitka. I also want to start suit against Hailey on acct. of which if they are sold, If my lien still holds good; also a claim for lumber on record in Harrisburg against a house of Col. Crittenden.