

Letter No. 34

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Dear Sir and Friend

Although you won't write to me, after I written 4 or 5 letters I will try once more to draw a line out of you. I am ever so anxious to know how you made out with that dam S. of a B. of a Fuller. Did you get a new Trial or have you appealed to Supreme Court. You promised me to write me all particulars but I never heard again from you. The last 2 mails I could not write you direct, but wrote to Olds & you in one as I am so infernal poor I can't buy paper & stamps and since I am abandoned by all I have no one to ask for a little help. I got write this standing at my wicket as I can't buy any coal oil & the cells are too dark to read or write without light except at the wicket. How did you make out against Fuller about the Furniture, I hope you beat the bastard and turn round & have the dam thief arrested for grand Larceny, I would swear out a warrant against him in a minute if I was there. The dam thief, you know he did not dare to produce that pretended Bill of Sale when I was up there although he agreed to leave it in Schmeigs hands, but never done it. I spend more sleepless nights dreaming & thinking about those thieving Sons of Bitches; But I fear I will never have the chance to get my revenge.

My trial is not set yet, & may not come up before September, so I wrote Johnny to try & get an attached letter with lot of signatures as they won't admit the one Hayes brought down, it not being witnessed or attested. The prosecution say for sure they got me dead & sure conviction now, & I am prepared to be found guilty & convicted for a crime I am as innocent of as you are. But they make their open bracks that I got to go across if money can send me there.

But Dick I will never go there, if it comes to the last I will finish myself. I will never be a convict & live if I have an opportunity. Geo. A. Knight one of the best lawyers on the coast been to see me through Doctor Whitell, & he told me to write you boys who were in ligation, what chance there is for him to get some good case so to pay his expenses guaranteed. We then would go up & investigate my affairs thoroughly & fight them if worth while. He is the best speaker on the coast not even excepting Hall McAllister he was the one nominated Blaine; and is considered boss here. He says he would like to tackle Alaska for a few months, if there was enough in it. He won't accept any offices as he has better practice, & is the leader of the Republicans on the coast. So let me know by return mail if & what propositions there is for him. He would knock the stuffing out of Fuller & the whole gang.

He promised to go on my case if he was retained in the Alaska affairs & he says will burn some up if he takes hold. Carroll and gang are victorious I see in their opium fight, as the Pres. has withdrawn Capt. Beecher's nomination for Collector of Townsend. But every dog his days, Murray and Carroll will die with their boots on yet and their stolen wealth won't do them much good.

Well Dick be sure & write me again as I am all abandoned but by Dr. Whitell and Johnny Olds. Dr. wanted me for Supt. in Meadow Lake where he is building a 20 stamp Mill, but they would not let me out on bail. Mrs. P. has left me too for 2 months & more, although I am told she is in town, she has not written nor have I seen her for 5 months. I ought to let her go 3 years ago it would have been ever so much better for me. Yet you may imagine how it hurts to be left in my present fix without a friend, when I always been a friend to everybody but to myself. Good by yours as ever.

Geo. E. Pilz.