

New York May 16th 1871

Dear Benhur Edgar

Yours of the 7th ultimo
is before ^{me} which came to hand some ^{time} since
and in future if you do not hear from me
after than six months it will not be my
fault. I do not get time during business
hours to write letters so have to do after
getting home. and then it seems quite
like work to sit down to write after writing
all day. But to night I came home early
on purpose to write this letter for I had
promised Mr. Noble. I would write you before
he starts on his trip. and he starts for
Chicago tomorrow the 17th where he will remain
two or three days then he will go direct to San-
Francisco where he expects ^{to} be about the first
of June. He seems to want to see you but did
not seem to be sure about what kind of
a conveyance he would find from the
Steamer to your Ranch. As he was afraid

he might have to travel it on horse back
and did not seem to relish the idea very
much. I could not enlighten him on the
subject so he wished me to write and ask
you. You had better write to him at San Fran-
cisco giving him the desired information
sending it in care of Mr Weil & Knudsen which
will be his head quarters while in Cal.

He seems to want to get out on your Ranch,
where he can get some idea of the sheep raising
business and see something of the country in its
natural state. He thought perhaps you might
have business in San Francisco about the time
that he would get there then you could
talk the matter up. He also wished me
to extend an invitation to you to accompany
them to the Yosemite Valley &c "he would be
much pleased to have your company"

Mr Grunleaf, one of the directors of the Holyoke
Paper Mills will accompany him

If you should write him and he should
decide to come could he telegraph you where
he would be at San Louis Obispo so you could

met him as you said in your letter.
Thus I believe I have got it down about as
he directed (If you see any deficiencies I wish
you would supply them)

Yes I have got away from Doris! Soon after
going away from there I moved down to No 9
Montague Terrace right near Wall St Ferry
A very nice locality in-deed all Brownstone front
houses and some of the most wealthy men
of Brooklyn lived right there. But now I
am stopping in Mr Public House #27 West 42nd St
N.Y. to oblige him. He has moved his family
to their summer residence at Spunkies on the
Hudson so I am all alone. I find it a
little lonesome at times but manage to live
through it having access to the Library Parlor
~~and the Piano~~ &c

David & Wife are well I dined or rather took Tea with
them Sunday eve I mentioned about your pictures
Mrs Robison said you should have some sure
but she is going to have some good ones taken
then will send them. David said he was going
to write you very soon. Do you expect to

home this summer if so about a hot
time. For I should want to arrange it
so as to be at home too for a few days!
I wish you would try. For I want to see
our family all together once more.
I had a letter from Father last week they were
all quite well but Grandmother she had
been unwell but was recovering then.
Now Grandmother we cannot expect to have
her with us much longer I tremble at every
unexpected message I get from home.
I hope you will see Mr. Tubbs for then he
can tell us all about you.

Please excuse hasty writing &c

Yours very Affectionately
William

P.S. — Tell Wilbur he owes me a letter