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CHICAGO & NORTH-WESTERN R'Y CO.

Center Junction STATION, Aug 21 1880

Dear Sister Lizzie:

Your letter received.

I am sure I don't know whether you will
me a letter or not for it has been so
long since either of us wrote that my
memory fails to go back. But as Sister
Hammond used to say in the Shaw
school house "It seems as tho' sometimes
that you did owe me one but I will
not testify to it. The fact is that I am
very careless about writing letters.
Whether I am getting lazier than common
I do not know but the fact remains
that I fail to write when I ought to.
But what is there to write about?
The papers give all the news and
nothing left but gossip and that
is an abomination. I do not hear
anything from any one but you
and once in a great while from

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Mary. The rest of them hardly ever write. And I am on the tread mill which revolves in the same direction all the time. We are drifting along down the stream of time as usual with nothing but the prospect ahead to interest us. Johnny has been attending a Business College in Clinton this summer and studying Book Keeping, Short hand and type writing. He has got his diploma on Book Keeping and is doing first rate on the others. He is almost beating the record for rapid advancement. He learns very quick and has a good memory. Perhaps he will be able to strike a job in Chicago when he gets through which will be about the middle of September. Bertha wants to go to school somewhere this fall. ^{over}

dont know if we shall be able
to send him.

I dont bother myself
much about politics or liquor
laws. They can say what they please
but the prohibitory law is a failure
in this state. But let them have
their own way.

Your Worlds fair seems to be
in a muddle. And it would not
surprise me to see it fizzle
out and dont think I should
be sorry either.

Well my capabilities are about
exhausted and so good by
All send love

Yr off Mo

John E. Long

E. P. LOVEJOY,

—DEALER IN—

General Merchandise and Produce,



Wabuska, Nevada, March 4 1890

Rev H. L. Hammond.

My dear uncle for so I shall call you without any apology I am on the 12th of this month. I will be fifty four years old. Since early childhood I have led a life of constant travel change varying vicissitudes and startling adventures. I have known almost the extremes of ^{toil} work and privation luxurious ease with hardly an ungratified desire. In the rush of such an existence I grew almost indifferent to the changes in fortune kaleidoscope. With me nothing was worth fretting about nothing too strange to happen while we cannot conceive what the morrow may bring forth. Some one has said "it is always the unexpected that happens." I can recall no incident or event in my whole life that came upon me so suddenly was so foreign to my thoughts and

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Anticipations stirred my being so deeply
 brought my past life before me & reminded
 me of who I am so forcibly as your
 letter. It was the greatest surprise of my
 life when this letter is addressed to you
 I am really writing to my dear
 Aunt the dear good woman who has
 cherished the recollection and kept the memory
 green of her "little Nephew" for more than
 fifty long years. My heart overflows
 with a tumultuous torrent of inexpressible
 affection for her. Old and grey bearded
 as I am at this very moment the tears
 are in my eyes and I could bow
 my head and cry. As for the
 companionship of my sainted Mother I have
 never had the slightest ~~of~~ personal acquaintance
 with any blood relation since childhood
 My lot has been cast entirely among
 strangers. So I have lived and so I expect

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to die. That this was so I have regretted for
 my Mother's sake. Singlehanded she battled with
 poverty to rear and educate her boy and
 whatever there may be of good in him
 he owes to her teaching and example.
 Whosoever he fails to remember her infinite
 affection her unmeasured devotion,
 May a just God forget him. I felt in
 years long gone by that my Father
 kindred and my own ought and might
 have stretched forth a helping affectionate
 hand and greatly alleviated her lot. While
 it might have changed my whole career
 my regret was only for her sake. I came
 with me the consciousness that she lived
 to see her boy emerge from poverty
 and obscurity and surround her declining
 years with every thing she desired. Now
 I have been writing just what comes
 uppermost - After remembering and looking

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for me so long I presume you would like to hear how my life has been spent and I may tell it without suspicion of being prompted by egotism, vanity, or a silly desire ^{to} talk about myself. I recollect being in Cincinnati when between 3 & 4 years old. I recollect being at Oberlin in 1840 being 4 years old. I think we went to Canada from there in 1841 lived there 2 years. Then I read the Bible through before I was 6 years old I also read and re-read Plutarch's Lives and some other books. Spring of 43 we went to N. Y. State & lived at Fowlerville Rochester and Buffalo. Spring of 45 we went from Buffalo via the lakes to Chicago thence to Chesterfield Green Co Mo. Thence Spring of 46 to Iowa. Thence this fall to Middletown. Next year 48 to Hunter Town Spring of 49 to Mission Institute 3 miles East of Quincy Fall of 49 to Upper Alton. where I attended

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Shorthill College left fall of '57. That year
there was a great deal of sickness
and I had several attacks Bilious Fever
Bloody Flux & Cholera and Mother becoming
frightened picked me up and rode off
to Iowa (Keosauqua the County Seat)
He kept hotel one year and went from there
to Keokuk. Kept Boarding house winter
of '52 & '3. Fall of '53 went 4 miles into
the country to a farm house where Mother
did the house work and we kept a sort
of way side inn. Down to this time Mother
always took the lead would not allow me
to do anything she could help would not
allow me to milk the cows in the
Morning in 1855^{(19) 1907} I rented a farm
we had hardly any money but I found
some good friends I bought team and
every thing on credit The farm was on the
plank road 2 miles from Keokuk

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and we entertained travelers. He did
 very well for 2 years when I came to
 California. I had surmised the slightest idea
 of coming to this coast until too deep
 before I started. It was one of the most
 reckless foolhardy undertakings any
 one ever engaged in. I had a neighbor
 well along in years who took a great
 liking to me and was more like a
 father to me than any thing else I
 was aware of his feelings toward me
 and naturally my heart went out to
 him. He had one daughter he loved
 as the apple of his eye who
 previously disappointed him ~~and ran~~
 off and married a gambling ~~trick~~
 drinking man against his wishes and
 commands. Her husband took her to
 California and after a while began
 to beat and otherwise abuse her

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She wrote her father asking his forgiveness
 and begging him to aid her to
 escape from her husband. The business
 was complicated by her having a little
 boy which happened be my Nephew's sake
 Of course she could not part with the
 boy. The Old gentleman came to me with
 her in his arms and begged me to
 go after his daughter and grandchild.
 After being deliberation I consented and
 a day after started. Behold one going
 into the Mountains of California 33 years
 ago among a reckless lawless people for
 what to steal away from him a man's
 wife and child. As it happened the man
 was killed in a drunken brawl about
 the time I started and the lady I started
 to seek passed me in mid ocean on the
 incoming steamer of the same line. Arriving
 in California on the 5th day of Jan 1857. I procured

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Cautiously to execute my mission. But found
 matters as I have related. I had some other
 business which kept me until it was too late
 to return home and put in a crop. So I
 concluded to remain the summer finding
 the country and climate very attractive.
 My Mother was troubled greatly with
 bronchitis and hysteria being a very nervous
 woman which was hardly to be wondered
 at considering the trials and tribulations
 she had gone through. I had also
 approaching the turn of life and I had read
 that a change of climate was frequently
 very beneficial at that critical period.
 So I wrote her I thought it would benefit
 her health to come where I was and
 urged her to sell every thing and come.
 She did so and the result verified my
 expectations. Mining being the principal
 pursuit I engaged in it but without success.

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I omitted to state that Mother came out in the Spring of 1859 and was the first woman to come overland by the Overland Stage. In 1863 I was passing near a little town and a poor fellow who was arrested for "an assault with intent to commit Murder" and against whom the whole community were violently prejudiced came to the claim where I was at work and begged me to go with him before the justice and say a good word for him. I went and was able to bring out and establish the fact that the prosecution was purely malicious and without foundation. The jury by their verdict acquitting my client and condemning the prosecuting witness to pay the costs. After that in every case in the justice court there would be a race to see which party would get to my first. This turned my attention to the law

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In the fall of 64 I went to the County Seat
 living by odd jobs and read law. In the
 Spring of 1865 I was admitted to the bar
 and that fall elected Justice of the Peace
 serving two years. In 1867 I was elected
 District Attorney re-elected in 69 and
 in 1871 elected County Judge for the term
 of 4 years. In the fall of 68 I bought the
 only Newspaper in the County and
 owned and conducted it for 9 years
 until leaving the County. In the fall of 69
 I married and July 10 1870. My Dear
 Mother died in my arms. She had been
 suffering from an aneurism and it
 resulted fatally. She was 57 years 11 months
 old. Although having an income of about
 \$4000 a year from all source we lived
 expensively. I was very extravagant
 in my expenditures and after Mother's
 death I was discontented wanted to

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acquire a fostered specialty and in
traveling I had become acquainted with
the law as administered by the judge
of our district regarding ^{him} as venal
and unjust. I again went into
Mining on a large scale with a disastrous
result. Immense fortunes had been made
in Virginia City and I had warm friends
who beforetimes had urged me to come
there. Without any preliminary investigation
I closed out everything and went to Virginia ^{fall of '87}
On arrival I found the bottom had
crashed out of the Stock Market and
My friends were all broke. Everything
was overdone it required strong influence
to obtain a days work on the streets. I started
into a hotel but found it a losing concern and
gave it without a dollar. I knocked around
from pillar to post till Summer of 1880 when
I came out and went to work on the C & N

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As a common laborer I was fortunate
 enough to attract the attention of the ~~President~~
 President and Supt. of the road and in a
 week I was given charge of a gang
 of Men as their foreman. When the road
 began running he appointed me agent
 at this station. furnished me materials to
 build a house and recommended me
 favorably so I was able to get a
 stock of goods and go on to business.
 I came to this place on the 1st day of June
 1881 was appointed P. M. Oct 27 here was
 P. M. Since I am W. & Co's agent here
 The trains stop here for dinner both ways
 I carry a small stock of goods entertain
 travellers and keep a bar. I am in
 possession of considerable property own
 about 1500 acres of land some cattle
 and horses but I owe a great deal of
 money about one half the value of the

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property. The problem now is to pay
 off the indebtedness. The last 4 or 5
 Years have been bad in this section.
 Everything has gone wrong so far as
 our interest is concerned. The depression
 in Silver and Copper together with a
 series of dry years have brought us to
 use a mining phrase "down to bedrock".
 This winter we have had the heaviest snowfall
 any white people here have ever known.
 We are assured plenty water for 2 years.
 Now my dear aunt I have brought my
 sketch of myself and my affairs down to
 date. I will add what I did not mention
 as I went along that I was married
 on Oct 30 1869 to a lady 11 years younger
 than myself. We have no children. My wife
 was confined in 1871^(3 yrs) and although a healthy
 strong woman the Physicians were compelled
 to take the child away with instruments and I

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Eliza Keiled^{will} in the womb They said it
 was impossible for her to deliver it
 I was heartbroken it was such a
 large strong infant and the picture of
 Me. I have no photographs of My self except
 one taken when I was 20 one at 33
 I'll have them copied and some later on
 and send copies of all to you
 now Uncle and Aunt Harriett
 accept My heart felt wishes
 health happiness and prosperity
 and yours and all you hold
 dear

Your Affectionate Nephew

Edward P. Lovejoy.

Son of Elijah Parish Lovejoy who
 was murdered at Alton Nov. 5 1837 in defense
 of freedom of speech and freedom of the press
 "The blood of the Martyrs is the seed of the Church"