

July 4/73
Franktown Nevada

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I have not seen him
since. I am doing carpenter
work for Capt. Haynie &
Mr. Pennington in connection
with the Bank of California
at this place. I have been
at work up in the mountains
building flume for same par-

ties the prospect is if I have
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work all summer at \$5
pr day in Gold coin. There
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of the glycerine which blew
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across the street killing a man
in a livery stable. I was acquainted
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last spring. I am stopping at
the Post Office & Hotel kept
by F.A. [Ent?] so that I will
have no trouble sending you
word except when I go into
the mountains to work. The
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to go up to help check the fire with
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There is a saw mill up
in Little Valley. The wood
is sluiced by flume down
the canyon by water the
cars are run along side of
the flume at the foot and
either [?] [?] tree or
cordwood is shipped on
to Ophir Washoe or Reno
in one direction or to Carson
Carson River, Empire, Dayton,
Suto Tunnell, Silver City, Gold
Hill, or Virginia City. There
are very fine houses in this
Town but it is one of the
prettiest places ^{in the state}, with a good
many shade trees about
and Washoe Lake within
almost a stone's throw
& the mountains rising
abruptly immediately
behind it and also on
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it is a [?] place as soon as the
wood is cut out, the mountains
which will be in two years at [?]
[?] this place will dry out ex-
cept as a watering station for
the V & T R.R. The water here
is excellent, coming from springs
in the mountains. Write soon
and let me know how you all
are. With love to all.

I remain
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