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Virginia City Nevada May 5th

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ricots, Bannanas &c &c.
I suppose that they are all

pretty busy with their own business, as I get very little news from any just now. I allude to our folks. The Harvest season will soon commence in California they expect good crops, except in peaches which were injured in blossom by frost. The chief topic of conversation is the Modoc War and mining stocks the Bears, as they call Brokers who bear the market, have had it all their own way this year there were several new Banking establishments started on this coast this year with several millions capital and as money commands to from two to five percent pr month, you may have some idea of what times are here some times.

I remain as ever
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