

say by next Monday, he will bring these up, if he can get them. I shall have to be pretty busy to morrow in getting a vessel to take the things off the Fletcher, Charlotte etc.

Phelps has not yet returned from Monterey. Gilman has the NY House in **blast**. Others have been started in good shape. The city is full of people to overflowing, but business is dull, on account of so large a quantity of goods...*(end of page 3)*

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...having come upon the **XXXX** at once, and buyers being scarce. Parties _____ to buy.

Rents are getting higher and higher. Finley & Co have fixed up the room between them and you **XXXX** stand **XXX** are about to get 1000 pr month.

The oysters by the **XXXX** are all **XXXX** a large proportion of them were bad. The wind ----- the amount of the original invoice which was 808 as you can see by the Inv Book. Capt Stetson informs me that he was compelled to throw overboard the contents of one barrel (**XXXX** Hebe lot) except some 16 cans, which were taken for the use of the table, and will be paid for accordingly. The barrel ----- to it. I expect difficulty in getting rid of the other three barrels and am almost afraid to see them. The man who put them up evidently does not understand his business. He salts the oysters, which is one cause of the **XXXX** decomposition. Wrights are just up fresh and therefore wholly turn out good. The cargo of the Hebe comes out **XXXX** & in good order, but our bread. I am sorry to find is wormy. I fear we shall lose money on it.

Roofing metal costs here 35¢ lb. Enough for one house would cost 700\$ here. Yrs Truly S. C. Gray
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The vessel I came down in is half owned Capt Roberts who is quite sick.

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Tell the Dr there are lots of mattresses on the Hebe, consigned to Capt Stetson.

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S C Gray
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