

...things as we may wish to order. I have some idea of ordering an iron warehouse, either for own use, or in case we should not need or want it for that, as a matter of speculation. I was much pleased to day with the appearance of Simmons Lilly & Co iron warehouse which they are now occupying on Sacramento st. opposite Speck & Bayherd.

The goods which I have named to come up to B. from the Fletcher, are to come by the launch schr Creole at \$1-pr hundred. You will please look out for them on Monday morning (they may arrive on Sunday) and pay the freight, which will be not far probably from 200\$ –

The Xylon & Hebe are not yet attended to. Hanson talks ridiculously about our paying expenses etc and I only laugh at him for his pains. He is trying his hardest to shrink out of his bargain and it is all important that Bayles or Manhlin should be here, so as to overwhelm him with evidence. They too, have something aboard other vessels that require attention. Webb arrived this morning.

A parcel of letters was handed to Dall & Austin, for us, by a Mr Smith from Balt who came in the last steamer and by him put into the Post office just before I arrived so you have probably received them in Benicia. Should any.... *(end of page 3)*

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...of them require attention, please enclose them in envelope to me here, together with such open replies and other letters as you may wish to send to the states. The steamer goes punctually on the 1st Oct. but I shall endeavor to get thso here, so as to come up home by Saturday the 29th at farthest

Mr Hunt has been absent over a week at the Pueblo and Monterey and will not return until next week, so you cannot see him next Sunday. I called on Mrs H this evening. She is well, expects their house to arrive next month, and wishes Mary to come down and pay her a visit.

Phelps has not returned from Monterey. X  
the mill come up to Benicia to stay some time, having got through with the building **improvements** etc. here. Ross Benton & Co have the selling of 100 horses to arrive for which \$80,000 would be taken and it is a question of "quien sabe" (ed: translation – "who knows") whether they may not fetch up in Benicia. Judging from the past, I take it for granted that that is all talk, and that the horses will be put up any where else but Benicia. Most probably in San F. or Sacramento or the Pueblo (ed. Note – this is San Jose, CA.). Richmond's store has arrived at last, and is being erected next to Ladds. The ship James Monroe has just returned from the islands with a Coral Stone House, some wooden houses, and a cargo of lumber, potatoes, squashes, pumpkins, onions, hay etc etc

Yrs Truly S.C. Gray