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Saturday morning 22 Sept '49

Dear Brother

Your letter by the Belle has just come to hand. As she is to return at once, I must add a little to what I wrote last night, which will show that something has been ~~XXXX~~ finished better than what I had to write then.

We have just concluded a written agreement with Mr. Hanson for the Hebe to start for Benicia on Saturday the 29th -. As the goods we have on board we are to pay him 50 ¢ pr barrel – and for those that we put on board we are to pay \$1.⁵⁰ pr barrel, ie. ourselves. McConkry and Webb B & M. You need say nothing about the 50 ¢ bargain to Bayles Co as they are in no way interested, but if they wish the goods they have in the harbor brought up, they can have a chance now at 1.⁵⁰ per barrel which is much cheaper than they can get it done in any other craft. Tell them the Andalusia has arrived, (she came in last night) and one of them had better come down and have their freight transferred at once. The agreement is for the Hebe to sail on Saturday 29th. The Xylon and John Mayo are discharging rapidly. *(end of page 1)*

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I had agreed with Simmons H & Co. for the stores to come on the Dunlap but they willingly yield them, so that they will come up on the Hebe. The cost will be about the same, and it will help to satisfy Capt Stetson and keep Hanson up to his agreement and contented.

The tin ware you need, and of course as it happens to have been landed on Simmons H & Co wharf, they will send it up on the Dunlap on Tuesday. I have made arrangements for sufficient pipe for 25 stoves, which I shall try to get all on board the Hebe, perhaps a part on the Dunlap, if done in time have ordered three joints and an elbow for each which will average about 10 or 12 pounds at 60 ¢ pr pound delivered at the wharf. This will probably be cheaper than buying the iron and have it manufactured at the 50 ¢ pr lb. The custom here is to furnish the first joint and charge for the elbow and other extra, that is to say in selling the stove.

I have not seen the gentleman from. Sac C. The things from the Fletcher are part landed and part on the Creole.

Tell Lucy I have her letter and am very glad her health is better. Shall write to her tomorrow.

Yrs S. C. G.

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S. C. Gray

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