

Tuscan Springs Cal
Monday Eve - Feb. 29, 1904.

Dear Sister -

I will write you
a short letter just got the
one from doctor telling
of Marys operation. I am
so uneasy about her, have
wished so many times I
had not attempted this trip
I believe it was not the
thing to do. I might have
been some help to her in
some way if I had stayed
at home if nothing more
could have kept Aernal and
went down to visit while

2nd

She is there and that would
have been some comfort
to her if nothing more -
They must be having a
time at Pa's - I don't see
why they took the old lady
away from her own home
it really must be a thing
there - but I guess Pa don't
pay much attention to it -
as its the Harichets. How long
will you stay with Mary and
tell me how she is getting
along and if she is very
weak and what you
think of her any way -
and how long does the
Drs think she will have to
stay -

Well I guess you want to know
some thing of my trip well
I stayed in Glendale 10 days
on account of the land slides
and wash outs - waiting for
the trains to get regulated - I
was detained near Dunsmuir
2 hours on account of a land
slide - I left Deamus at 9 at
night and took a berth and
not sleep to amount to any thing
but it rested me - I took
breakfast at Dunsmuir and
reached Red Bluff at 2 in
afternoon - found the Sacra-
mento River so high that I
could not reach this place
till Sunday so was there
from Friday afternoon till
Sunday - But did not mind
that much as I had a good

Hotel and pleasant room
 and it was a fine day
 (The only one however I have
 seen since I left home
 except at Glendale) As
 I took a long walk in the
 Morn - and also afternoon
 and took in the city which
 is about three thousand
 inhabitants - it looks very
 much like it did in Los
 Gatos only its level. Lemon
 and Oranges hanging on the
 trees and flowers blooming
 some, though the season is
 not so far advanced as I
 expected to see. It looks
 about like April down
 in Oregon

Well this place Tuscan Springs
is 9 miles from Pea Bluff and
over one of the roughest roads
and the last 3 miles up and
down hill it is as bad
as Oregon roads. This is
quite a pretty place after
you once get here but
nothing but a Big fine
Hotel and about a dozen
small Cottages for rent
mostly vacant at this
time. There are about 50
guests here at the Hotel
but all strangers to me
but very sociable people I
have to pay 14 dollars per
week for board and 25-
Cents extra for baths I
guess I will take one
each day took one this

afternoon hot steam baths
(no mud) I have to take up
four different kinds of
water 1 glass every hour
during the day and 2 of a
morning brought to my
room at 6 o'clock - Eat no
breakfast - which is not
hard to do as you dont
care for any after 2 glasses
of the nastiest water you
ever tasted - I have a nice
clean room good bed room heated
with gas - if some of my folks were
only with me I could enjoy it and
Mary was well - I dont know how
long I will stay here if Mary is
home I am going to stop and visit
her a while but I doubt if she gets

home by that time - I expect
to be back between the 1st and
middle of April any way
and if the water does not agree
with me may come sooner
but I believe its going to help me
so many has been benefited by it
and I would like to get well if
I can - and am going to take
the water if it is bad, according
to orders - Where you come
there is a Doctor here who examines
you and tells you which springs
to use of and there is about
25 of them and they are much
and taste very different and
look different one is almost
as black as ink and another
almost as white as milk
and so on - but no good
Soda water like upper Soda
in the mountains - The Springs are

not hot one is luke warm
now I think I have given
you a pretty lengthy descrip-
tion and I expect you are
tired of it. I hope you
think little you may send
it to Mary when you write
to her - I am going to write
to her soon - I da I guess is
in the valley yet - Geo has
gone home two or three days
before I got here - I was sorry
for he would have been company
for me - I wrote Pa a card
yesterday and a short letter
at Blindale - will write to
me direct to Tuscan Springs
love and best
Cal-
wisdom to you all.
lovingly your sister Melissa K-