

you can send my letters straight
to me until further -

Sunday Oct 1st 1846 -

Dear Mother -

Received your letter with the
numerous scraps concerning the capture of
the Boss & for which accept my thanks -
"matters & things seem to be very much
mixed all around" And it never rains
but it pours" seems really to verify ^{the}
truth of its saying. your misfortune about
the payments on your House, and the
consequent annoyances there to, are very
unfortunate, but it will all have to be
braved - and perhaps everything will
for the best - it seems rather odd too
that with two such young men as
Frank & myself in the family - we
should ^{not} be able to keep a home over
your head - but it is plainly apparent
as regards any aid I, or we, could
extend - we about as well might be
made of stone. now if really necessary
you will have to face the music -
I hard though it be - and you might
just as well face it, with a good will

fretting or Stewing won't keep it a bit -
well we have had a gala week - the past
one - Politics & the Fair - Wednesday night
the Democrats & Republicans were both
to have a meeting at - Boulder City about
50 miles from here - two Champions one
from each side were to speak against
each other - the Colorado Central & the
Boulder Valley Rail Road's both run
to Boulder City from here - The Repubs
went on the Col. Central & the Democrats
on the Boulder Valley fare 50¢ to go &
return - one train left at 5 P.M. & one
at 5:15 P.M. I didn't go - but a great crowd
did & had a great time, as all big crowds
do - no fights, what a wonder? - The
Democratic train came back first &
all the Dem. that were left had to pay
full fare to ride on the Repub. train
back.

Thursday was a holiday here
the greater portion of the stores closing
from 12 m to 1 P.M. to attend the Fair
and a great day it was - things were
very lively on the Fair grounds & big crowds

were out. every body there Sister &
company with - Some one else please -
I went with - my girl my friend
Griffith - it was a splendid day
until about 4 P.M. at which time it
clouded up. & was blinding & cold
which cleared a good many home
Friday & Saturday were cool & clear
night ^{water} froze - but this morning it
is clear & much warmer - Last night
we had a Soldiers meeting - re-union &
torch light procession - old soldiers of
the war & a Republican movement
but a good many Dem. voters in line
as would up & gave a lively work here -
Monday I commence daily duties again -
accepting the offer, which was very
liberal of B. E. Pritter - his first offer
was to pay me a certain salary & to
receive a share of all goods that were
received to be sold on comf - that ^{includes}
Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Game - etc - which ^{trade}
is quite lively at the winter season -
but then as some of my time would be
spent in the store - a grocery - the
consideration being the salary - I thought I

of the old life-work. Great loads to be
putting up my pack that is - I cannot
the thousands of the long trip. But I
never really receive it all in salary
& attend to anything that he might
require - as in the first case, he
might think I was devoting more
time to my own interests with the
Commission goods than to his - in the
Store - The latter arrangement, makes him
an undivided Boss in all cases - I shall
remain with him, nothing to the contrary
until Spring - I send you the view taken
at Col. Springs. 2 copies have marked names
the I. G. wife in front of ^{camp} - the deceased
Louisville his brother who left us at the
Spring & went East. The picture taken just
before we started for Pike's Peak - a poor one
as it does not show off any of the horses
nor the mules who were well loaded with
packs. My fallow mule got by luck right
in range of a tree - the tree is ^{at} least
400 feet behind him - I flopped down
I was looking at a cloud on the Peak
when the man at the camera made
a charge to keep quiet & quiet I kept
The tin type is a beauty taken the next

morning after