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Paradise, Cal Jan 2d '21

Dear Bro George—

I thought I would write you a few lines, as it has been a long time since I wrote you but a longer time since you wrote me, as you owe me a letter. We are having a mild winter but very wet. It started to rain the 1<sup>st</sup> of Oct and has never cleared up since. I have arranged to work about 3 days a week and some of these were in the rain. This has been the hardest year on us we have ever had. I have just got my house finished that I started over a year ago and we expect to move into it some time this month. We figured we could build for about \$1500 or \$2000 when we started, but it cost us a good deal more than that and it is not finished as we would like to have it now, but it is comfortable and handy and we have paid cash for everything so we are not in debt. We rec'd the Xmas box from you and we all enjoyed it very much and thank you for it. We did not do anything this year I did not even send Ed Bryant a box of dried fruit as I generally do. He sent me a box of dried fish and it sure was fine. I enjoyed the "Turn of the tide" very much also the paper you sent about Aunt Joana. She is sure standing it mighty well, and I hope she lives a long time yet. Have you seen her this winter. I hear from her occasionally. I cant understand it about our half brother Frank. I have never heard from him since I wrote him just after Father died.

I lost my cow and horse this winter. The cow died calving and the horse got some kind of a poison weed in pasture.

I could not get along without a cow, and got a little Jersey. I have got to do without a horse for a little while till I can get ahead of the game. Where are your boys now I hope they are not far away so they can get home once in a while.

I did not see the names of many old K-porters in the papers you sent I saw the name of C.N. Peabody. I suppose that was Nate [?] Peabody. What are you doing this winter. Is there any ship building going on now I look for some rough times before long, for I believe wages will go down in the spring. There is a lot of idle men in Chico now (our nearest city) 15 miles from here. The rice harvest was a failure as it rained so hard and so long it beat the rice down so it could not be cut, and Chico depends on the rice crop more than anything else. Well George we all wish you a happy and prosperous new year, and all send our best love to you all, and hope we can all meet again some time.

Your affectionate brother W. S. Clark.