



GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL
JACKSON BOULEVARD AND CLARK ST.
CHICAGO
E. A. WHIPPLE, Mgr.

March 21, 1910.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
San Diego,
Cal.

Dear Sir:

Yours of March 10th received in New York some days ago,
but this is the first time I have had time to answer it.

Replying, will say if Madam Carusa or Carina has bought
an interest in the S tract, as per your boosting Ad. and Ecuylpsis
Ranch in the Valley, and an Orange orchard from yourself and Mr. Gross
and several lots of Grossmont, it seems to me she would have enough
property in San Diego Co., but I don't know whether to believe
all you say or not, it looks like boosting to me.

If you have received the Mazuma for these properties,
why it is all right, but you know there is a lot of air in Southern
California.

As to your proposition in relation to the Mortgage
will not do anything at present, but as you will not need the money
before June I expect to see you before that time and in any event,
should you commence improving your property, you can get the money
with which to do it at any time.

Will not say anything now about the Murray Hill property,
as I believe I mentioned in my last all that was necessary.

I note what you say in relation to the San Diego flume,
and think very well of it, and your remarks in relation to the same
will have a tendency to steer me San Diegoward in the near future,
and as you say in winding up your letter, that it does not cost much
to discuss those matters and the discussion may lead up to something.



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A letter will reach me at Butte City anytime within the
next two weeks.

Very truly,



The Thornton

W. F. LOVE
MANAGER

Butte, Montana April 4, 1910.

Ed Fletcher,

Santiago, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours which is just at hand will say, it is unnecessary for you or Mr. Purcell to meet me either here or in Seattle, as I intend to start for California in a few days by way of British Columbia, and when I reach Monterey and rest a few days, I may continue on to San Diego.

In relation to the Railroad matter will say that I am into an electric proposition of that kind in Washington, and it will require a great deal of money. While you say that all you will need at the present time will be \$50,000 I would not care to put \$50,000 into anything unless I could see my way through, and \$50,000 here and \$100,000 there, makes a terrible hole in a half a million after a while; therefore, notwithstanding the fact that I expect to see you in the near future, don't think that I can do anything for you in the shape of financing your road.

Yours truly,

James A. Murray

Monterey, Calif., May 2/10.

Ed Fletcher,

San Diego.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of recent date will say that you are alright. The only way they can keep you from getting hold of money is to burn it up or have no rain for eight or ten years.

You will please let me know as soon as convenient how many there are who have long contracts with the San Diego Flume Co. and for how long, and address me at Butte as I expect to be there in the course of four or five days when you will hear from me at greater length.

Very truly,

James A. Murray

June 9, 1910

Monterey, Calif., May 27, 1910

Mr. Fletcher,

San Diego.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of recent date will say that you are right. The only way they can keep you from getting hold of money is to burn it up or have it burn for eight or ten years.

You will please let me know soon how many there are who have longed for the San Diego Pine Co. and for how long. I expect to be there in the course of four or five days when you will hear from me at length.

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Mr. James A. Murray,
Butte, Mont.

Dear Sir:-

The Grossmont depot is constructed and at entire cost a little less than \$600.00. What is your pleasure in the matter of Murray Hill account standing one third, Cuyamaca Railroad one third and Grossmont Park Co. one third. I would be pleased to hear from you on the subject.

Yours very truly,
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Butte, Montana, June 10, 1910.

Ed. Fletcher,

San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:--

Upon reaching home this morning I find your telegram stating that you had purchased the Kelly ranch at \$39,500.00. I hardly understand your way of doing business, every property that you have had to do any thing with the purchasing of, I seem to be able to buy it for a good deal less; therefore, I must come to the conclusion that you are a dam poor trader or some thing else. You told me in one of your letters that you could get up a syndicate of your friends who would be willing to take this property at \$50,000.00. It would seem that you would experience no trouble in getting your friends to take this property ~~at~~ at \$39,500.00, however, we will not discuss that. I believe I told you prior to my departure that if you succeeded in buying ~~at forty or less~~ the property, that I would take one-fourth of it, on conditions that the other three-fourths of the purchase price was deposited in the bank before I was called upon to put up any money. Now, I propose to stay by that agreement, and will wire you to that effect to-night. From your telegram they are evidently in a hurry, but I am not, as I am under the impression that this

matter will keep for several days. As to loaning money will say, I have no money to loan at six per cent, as a matter of fact I do not propose to loan any more money at six per cent, or at any other rate, or until I have closed up matters generally.

Very truly,



Butte, Montana, July 27, 1910.

Ed. Fletcher,

San Diego, Calif.,

Dear Sir:--

Enclosed you will find draft for \$2000. for the purpose as you say, for settling up matters on Murray Hill. I do not wish to spend any more money on Murray Hill at present. You will also find check for \$1500.00 for Flume expenses for August. I do not want any expert work done by Post, Van Dyke or any body else. I do not want to expend any more money on the Flume, except, what is absolutely necessary in conducting or distributing the water. Now you say that you spend at least one-half of your time on this job, and you think that \$250. per month will be about right, we differ on this score, I can get a good man, who is an engineer, who is familiar with water systems and is capable in every way and who would devote all his time for \$150.00 a month, and if you say so, I will send him down there, and you can put him in charge. I expect to get to San Diego within a month or six weeks.

Very truly,



Butte, Montana, August 13, 1910.

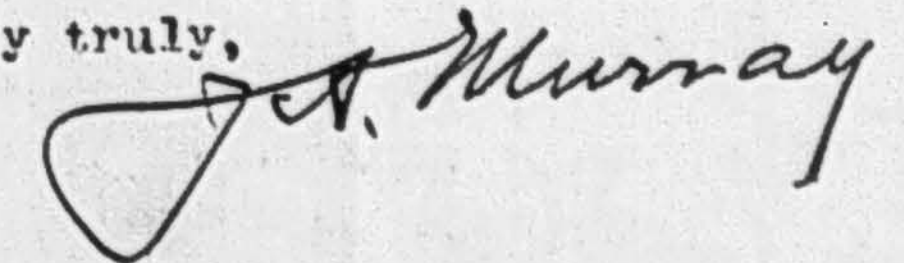
Ed. Fletcher,

San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:--

Replying to yours of the 6th, will say, I do not quite understand why the Grable people would make us a present of 1 1/2 acres unless there is some thing in it for them. I am not in the habit of accepting presents from any body, therefore, I shall decline to accept this at the present time, as there must be a joker some place, and I would like to look at him to see what he looks like before I made a trade. As to that one inch of water that you spoke of as being a ^{snaps} ~~inch~~, I am surprised that a man of your age should refer the matter to me, if it is a ^{snaps} ~~inch~~, it would seem to me that you could rustle \$115.00 and buy it and hold it yourself, if you did not want the company to be in with it, however, I ought not be surprised as I have often heard it said, "that a man sees many strange things when he has no gun on his person." In conclusion will say, that in any event, I hope that one inch of water will keep cool until I arrive on the scene.

Very truly,



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