

Extracts  
from Diary of  
J. M. Pierce

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May 25 I went to the train with Mr & Mrs Morse and found during conversation that he would like to escape putting up the building

July 15. Mr & Mrs Morse and wife got back from their jaunt up the Coast & to many of the Springs including St. Helena

July 16. Messcott & Woth are detained to blackmail me

Aug 14. Mr Morse says he must go to the County for a change of air.

I feel that I ought to go, <sup>on one of my catanals</sup> but I don't see how I can get off

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Aug 23<sup>d</sup> Judge here drawing  
up contract between E. W. Moore  
& myself so

24<sup>th</sup> Mr Whaley will forward it  
to Mr Moore

Sept. 2<sup>d</sup> Moore will not do his  
duty in the premises, will not  
give any person to act for him  
consequently the work cannot  
go on I wrote him this evening  
advising him to send to some one  
a power of attorney.

Sept 4. Moore is determined to  
make the building question a  
hard one. He is a sneaking  
unmanly fellow. I am heartily  
sick of his method and would  
give a great deal to get out of  
his clutches.

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Sept 6. Looking after building affairs  
 Mr Taylor helped me as  
 well as he was able, but we  
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 could accomplish nothing  
 without a Power of Atty gen  
 Mr E W Morse to some person  
 who would act for him.  
 I think the chance of holding  
 our rents is very poor.

Sept 8. Mr E W Morse has  
 yielded the point and sent  
 a P. A. to Mr Bryant Howard  
 I think we will get along now  
 such contemptible treatment  
 is very trying

Sept 9. Mr Howard rescind from  
 Mr Morse yesterday a P. A. from  
 which I have derived some comfort.

Sept 13. Mr E W M & wife return  
 from their trip to the counties

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Sept 15 E. A. Morn as usual  
left unfinished business to  
play

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Sept 15. E. W. Morse as usual  
left unfinished business  
to play

Sept 16. E. W. Morse & I signed  
contract with Corns etc & Tr.

Sept 17. Mr Morse is on hand  
to help a little I hope he  
has changed his policy  
enough to be of some help  
instead of a drag

Sept 21. Morse is a dead  
beat, can't be found

Sept 24. Morse is quite indif-  
ferent about the building and  
things go slowly

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Oct. 18. The ~~Devils~~ hounds are putting  
soft bricks into the party wall  
I don't know what the matter  
is but think the devils are  
combined to beat us

Oct 27 my wife went to see Morse  
about scholarships and he gave  
his name for \$200. which was  
unquestionably good for him.

Nov 1. E W Morse will go  
away tomorrow and leave me  
alone in my glory

Nov 3 E W Morse went to the  
county yesterday

Nov 17 I was at the Cottages  
working like a slave

Nov 27 Morse paid in by the  
hand of Bryant Starnum 2800  
which makes us equal in the  
building of

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December 23. Mr E W Morse has not returned from his visit to the Cajon

Dec 26. San Diego, Cal. 1888  
attended City Trustees  
reins about City Park disband  
I suppose the Grabbers will  
eventually win.

Jan 31. Cajon is a contemptible  
slipshod prep, in which  
no integrity abides

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> I think So Silva is a  
dead beat.

Feb 14. Morse is sick and is  
no more help than the 5<sup>th</sup> wheel  
of a coach

Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Mr Morse still in his  
litter bed

Feb 16. Mr Morse still sick and  
quite worthless so far as any  
aid he deigns to vouchsafe to



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<sup>or</sup> suit (suit) the bulby

Feb. 28. The Carpenter Taylor  
is a slow negligent fellow

March 2<sup>d</sup> Taylor is a poor  
worthless fellow

March 3<sup>d</sup> I tried to get Morse  
to help a little at business  
before us but he likes to go to  
the Coronado Beach and other  
places of pleasure

March 4. Mr Morse could do  
little or nothing till after 3 o'clock

Mr Howard is worse and I fear  
he will never get out again

March 24<sup>th</sup> I have not seen  
Morse all day I suppose he is  
running around for health

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1887 April 5<sup>th</sup> I find Mr Morse more  
 difficult to find and intent  
 in the building than anything  
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 else I have to do

Apr 7. I did not see Morse  
 all day

Apr 19. Mr & Mrs Howard E W Morse  
 & wife with many others went to  
 Los Angeles to see some roses  
 and other flowers this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
 of April

April 27 Went down town and  
 found that business had been  
 neglected as usual. Morse  
 was more to blame than any  
 one else (Pierre had been  
 away all day yesterday)

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showing his pretensions  
his charges are absolutely  
false

I paid him a  
salary to take my  
place in superintending  
the building and made  
it a religious duty  
from the start to  
agree with him  
in everything

I never offered  
or criticized a single  
proposition that he made  
after its adoption.