

Goldfield, Nevada - Jan 16, 1905

I got into the P.O. & got four letters from you & was certainly glad to hear from you.

The Rains lease was nothing I wanted to tackle, it looked like too much dead work in sight & maybe not strike pay at all. I have taken a lease, as I think I wrote you, on the Piedmont claim, Columbia Mt. near property & etc. I met a man today by the name of Davis, who made lots of money here, he showed me the character of rock that carries the high values, & I have the same looking croppings on mine. He showed me some rock that goes \$40,000.00 per ton, great, the croppings can be followed or rather the ledge through my claim. Have two men ready to start to work in the A.M. Allbright is one, he worked for Ma at Hurrah & Dan Grumwalt the other. Guess Stanley will go to work in a few days.

When I get this going can look around further.

I used the check I had & the money I got & wired Louis for \$100.00 to-day gee but it takes money to turn around here.

Am staying, now, with De Sallier, a going fellow that used to work in Nolan's shoe store in S.F. is a fine fellow & a rustler, he is night watchman here in a store, gets \$5.00 a night, sleeps 3 or 4 hours then prospects & rustles the days, he has put me on to several things here. Tex Rickard from Nome has his salon opening to-night, but I am not going down town, walked all day & am tired out. The way I got my mail Sallier introduced me to the stamp window & the stamp clerk got mine there were over 100 people in line. so I was lucky I will be quite a schemer if I but around here a little longer, am improving a little every day.

If I can make a lucky strike on the start, there are lots of fine openings now, all one needs is to keep his head & have a little seed money. If I only hit it quick I can make Lots of money here, but its all to win so I am going to take a chance. Send me some checks & be sure & address the letter to Box 4.

Am going to prospect the claim & take lots of samples tomorrow to have assayed, may have good news to write you in a few days. don't be disappointed if the returns are not way up but it would be awfully fine if they were.

Lots of love to all

Yours Paul