

Union Pacific Railroad

OFFICE of J. S. & D. T. CASEMENT,

Echo City, Utah March 3^d 1869

My Dear Wife

I will write you a few lines today but don't know when they will reach you I telegraphed you last week but have received no reply. Dan is east of Omaha and I hope he will get home without further delay. The Road is not open yet and I suppose a little wind will keep it closed for some time yet we hope to get trains through this week. The weather here is very fine Birds are singing in the valley like Spring and farmers in the valley are plowing we have just reached Salt Lake valley proper have passed through some very wild looking country we hope to finish here in April. I wish we were done now. I am homesick and want to be with you and the boys. I love you all dearly and think of you constantly. I will write you often when the blockade is over. I have not been to Salt Lake City and don't know as I will. I have no desire to trade Brigham. write often give my love to all at home and lots of kisses to the wee ones. God Bless and keep you happy

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Echo March 8th 1869

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The Road is still blocked
by snow one train has come through since I
did get here yesterday but we have received
no mail from N. Dak. There is no telling when the next
will come, we are nearly out of Iron and will have
to stop work for want of it this week if the blockade
continues, we are getting along nicely I have had much
better luck collecting than I anticipated and if
the Company pay in New York the Drafts they
have given me here, I can send home fifty
thousand Dollars as soon as the Road's Cash begins
I feel much better off than when I reached here. I flatter
myself I have some talent for collecting. Our track is at
Ogden directly north of Salt Lake the weather is warm and
this whole country is one vast mud hole. of course you have seen
Dan before this they say here he came near going up on
his journey home. We can finish our work on this Road
in sixty days or less if we get material to work
with. How I do long for that time to come. I
am perfectly homesick and I wish I would like to

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work in the garden or drug on the flats
or build a house. how do you succeed in
cutting down our plan. have you seen
anything that you think you will like
better? I don't know of anything new
to write to you I am so anxious to get a
letter from you I hope mother is better
and that of you all well. How I
would like to have a shake with the
Boys tonight kip the dust little fellows
for me. Darling I love you most dearly
and hope soon to be with you give my
love to all at home
God Bless and keep you happy
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God bless and keep you happy

Jack

Union Pacific Railroad.

Office J.S. & B.T. CASEMENT.

End of Track March 12th 1869

My Dear Wife

I recieved three letters from you yesterday I was mighty glad to get them. I got Father's telegram today. Your picture and little Danies is first rate. The little cub looks very bright I would like so much to see you all. I have been up the line paying off the last of our graders the weather is delightfull drozi singing and birds yelping. Brigham Young sent me word that he would like to see us lay track I sent him word all he would have to do would be to come where we were at work and open his eye & e come here. but I think so little of him and his pretensions that I did not stay to receive him. we are getting along pretty well and I hope soon to be through with it. I am getting things well in hand. and dont mean to be responsible for more than I can help. The californica people are grabbing this road miles east of where I am now writing I am ofraid we will have trouble in agreeing upon a meeting point one thing is sure the Iron will soon meet and the sooner the better say I. I believe the road is open east of here now but it is liable to close on short notice. Dan I presume has told you his experience

Rumor has it that he played out in
the Snow and came near going up -
I don't know of anything else to write
mine got one of Babie's picture some
Clayton is not very well got a bad
cold the rest of our tribe here are well
tell Father he may run or sell that
house if he gets a chance - I think if Dan
gets back much before we are through here
I will run home - give my love to all
at home I am anxious to get more letters
from you those I received were nearly
as old as little Dan - Miss the little Darling
for me how I would like to have my good
nights kiss from you to night

God Bless you Darling and keep you happy

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God bless you Darling and keep you happy

Jack

Painesville Ohio..

March 12th 1869..

My Dear Husband..

We received your
despatch today from Ogden. I am
glad you can now get your letters
and you must have a pile of them
I am waiting patiently as possible for
a letter from you now - for I am
sure you will write right away.
We are having a windy stormy
night - we have more snow this
month than all the rest of the
winter - Ma went to Cleveland this
morning and will come home
sometime afternoon - - Pa says he
telegraphed you that we were all
well and that Dad could beat
every thing - he is improving fast
and is bright as can be - - Johnny
has been little Anna Good all day

he likes to be called a girl
better than any boy I ever saw.

Sometime ago I wrote
you enquiring about your Patent
and your "Seat" - and today an
answer came to the first question
I thought when it came from
the office he had a huge "Valentine"
for me but found on examining
it that it was to you - & was all
what would you call it? - any
way I expect ~~you~~ ^{your} basement and
Elliot have got a patent on their
Isaac Spreader -

I have a funny story I would
like to tell you (only I am afraid
if I write it you will think I
am too emuttly - I dare say you
will hear of it before I see you
again - It is a remark that one of
our townsmen made about Grant's
Cabinet guess it if you can? -

Dan & Mary have not got home
yet - - - Tomorrow our little Dan
will be eight months old..

My dear Jack I love you dearly
of course I must tell you of it
before I close my letter old story
as it is - dearest write to me
I shall look for your letter
for I love to think you are thinking
of me & the little ones..

Your affectionate wife
Frank..

Painesville Ohio.
March 12th. 1869.

My Dear Husband.

We received your despatch (sic) today from Ogden - I am glad you can now get your letters and you must have a pile of them. I am waiting patiently as possible for a letter from you now - for I am sure you will write right away. We are having a windy stormy night - we have more snow this month than all the rest of the winter - Ma went to Cleveland this morning and will come home tomorrow afternoon - - Pa says he telegraphed you that we were all well and that Dan could beat everything - he is improving fast and is bright as can be - Johnny has been little Anna Ford all day. he likes to be called a girl better than any boy I ever saw .

Sometime ago I wrote you inquiring about your Patent and your "Seat" - and today an answer came to the first question. I thought when Pa came from the office he had a huge "Valentine" for me but found on examining it that it was to you - & was a what would you call it? - any way I expect Casement and Elliot have got a patent on their Grand Spreader-

I have a funny story I would like to tell you only I am afraid if I write it you will think I am too smutty - I dare say you will hear of it before I see you again - It is a remark that one of our townsmen made about Grant's Cabinet. guess it if you can? -

Dan & Mary have not got home yet — Tomorrow our little Dan will be eight months old.

My dear Jack I love you dearly. of course I must tell you of it before I close my letter old story as it is - dearest write to me often. I shall look for your letters for I love to think you are thinking of me & the little ones.

Your affectionate Wife

Frank

Painesville Ohio..

March 13th 1869.

My Dear Husband,

I have received your letters of Feb. 17th & March 9th now the snow is gone for the road open I hope I shall hear very often. Pa has gone to Fairport this evening to see about the Nitro Glycerine you sent for. He are all pretty well - Ma was in Cleveland Friday & Saturday and now has the "Bonnie" working on her - I really think she is improving though she is bad enough now. The children are well. Dan has two teeth - - Dan & Mary have not returned from New York yet. We had another snow storm last night - this morning it was quite good sleighing. But how delightful

it must be where you are I shall and for the sake of our dear boys
be glad to see spring weather once as well as my own happiness I
enjoy here -- I wonder that your want to live with you with as
curiosity don't take you to Salt Lake City but of course you are
very busy and will have that little separation as possible during
enough. Good night dear Jack.
Your loving wife
Frank.

I know I should want
to go. My dear Jack how glad I
will be when the Road is done
I shall feel this as though you
belonged to me for awhile at least.
it will be very pleasant for
just think how much we have
been separated in our married
life - and late years when we
have been together we have been
constantly thinking that it was
only for a short time. For the
time of separation has been fixed
upon generally before we met.

I love you darling so much

Painesville Ohio.
March 15th 1869.

My Dear Husband,

I have received you letters of Feb. 17th & March 3rd. now the snow is gone or the road open I hope I shall hear very often. Pa has gone to Fairport this evening to see about the nitro glycerine you sent for. We are all pretty well - Ma was in Cleveland Friday & Saturday and now has the "Bonshie" working on her- I really think she is improving though she is bad enough now. The children are well. Dan has two teeth-- Dan & Mary have not returned from New York yet.

We had another snow storm last night. this morning it was quite good sleighing- But how delightful it must be where you are. I shall be glad to see spring weather once more here— I wonder that your curiosity don't take you to Salt Lake City but of course you are very busy and will have that until sometime when you have more time to indulge your curiosity- I know I should want to go.

My dear Jack how glad I will be when the Road is done. I feel then as though you belonged to me for awhile at least, it will be very pleasant - for just think how much we have been separated in our married life - and late years when we have been together we have been constantly thinking that it was only for a short time - for the time of separation has been [?] upon generally before we met.

I love you darling so much and for the sake of our dear boys as well as my own happiness I want to live with you with as little separation as possible during our life time which will be short enough. Goodnight dear Jack.

Your loving Wife
Frank.

Union Pacific Railroad.

Office J. S. & D. T. CASEMENT.

Ochs March 16th 1869

My Dear Wife

I have had several letters from you lately, altho there has been but two trains through since I arrived here and the Road is blocked now, but I write this hoping it will be opened soon. I am here today collecting our Bills for February. I have got things pretty clean and if the Drafts the Company have given me are paid, I can send home \$100,000⁰⁰ from here and have enough for our debts left. I was mighty glad to get your letters and your pictures how cunning little Dan looks, how I would like to be with you. I am so glad Mother's health is improving has she selected apartments in the Casement Mansion? Tell her if she will continue to have her System worked on until she gets well. (as I believe she will if she keeps at it) that she may have choice of Rooms and as many as she likes, we had a big Snow Storm here yesterday and last night, it snowed at least 15 inches, to day it is warm and the Snow can not last long there was but about one inch at end of track in Salt Lake valley the track is fifty miles west of here and still going and we will soon be done with it, how thankful will be when the time arrives and I can go home I hope to stay Darling I love you most dearly, kiss those dear little Chaps for me, Love to all God Bless and keep you happy

Luce

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Jack

Union Pacific Railroad

OFFICE OF J.S. & D.T. CASEMENT.

Echo City, Utah March 19th 1869

My Dear Wife

Our Road is not open yet but we hope for better times soon I have not heard from Dan since he got home only from Father's telegram I hope next train through will bring some later news from home. I don't know whether Mother is living in the Corporation of Painesville or in the Country. What has been done about the Extension? There is nothing new here since I last wrote the snow is nearly gone again we are laying track slowly, are not getting material fast enough. The other end of the concern are said to be ~~off~~ approaching us rapidly so we will soon be together. I am not annoyed at this I feel as it promises me the more speedily

Return home I will be so glad to
get through. There is neither pleasure
Glorious nor much profit left in the
concern. I am going down to the end
of track tomorrow - I have not been
very well for a few days and have
stayed here I have had slight Chills
just at daylight for two mornings
and a little fever through the day
but am satisfied that the Blue pill
I have taken has fixed me all right
a good many of our men have had
Chills and fever this Spring -

Durant has not made his appearance here
yet. There is no meeting point fixed yet
do you think you can go to California
in May? let me hear from you
often Darling I love you most
dearly and I do want to be

with you and those two
little Scamps - but I
must close Mr Clayton
wants to talk with me by
telegraph from end of track
Kisses to the Darlings and love
to all God Bless and keep you happy
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Jack

Union Pacific Railroad.

Office J.S. & D.T. CASEMENT.

End of Track March 30th 1869

My Dear Wife

I drop you a line today just to let you know that I am well and thinking of you. I have fully recovered from my attack of fever it is snowing here today so that we are not working it is very lonesome here on such occasions. we are not getting material half as fast as we want it. but next month must wind up the tracklaying of this great Road I have not heard a word from Dan since he got home except a line when he first arrived he has been away from here nearly as long as I was how time flies I suppose it seems to him but a day. I am in no hurry to have him return. I don't know if it would pay me to go home before finishing here but I think strong of leaving as soon as Dan returns. let me hear from you often I love you most dearly and want to be with you kiss the Darlings for me love to all at home
God Bless and keep you happy
Pace

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Jack