

June 25, 1880

Friend Ben:-

I did not get this letter off in the 23<sup>rd</sup>, as I had trouble to get paper money to send you, and I thought I would get some other Tax Returns to enclose.

I wonder if Judge Leonard ever got my letter of some months since, or whether, after his new moral departure, he does not deem it an offense against conscience to write to a sinner of my stamp. I would like much to hear from him, as I gave him two accounts to collect more than a year ago, against the Junstall estate and against the McSween estate. Mrs. McSween acknowledged my claims, and Judge Leonard took the accounts

for collection, saying that I would have to wait awhile, but the last time I saw him, he discouraged me.

This bill was contracted by McSween and Junstall, they agreeing to pay me 50¢ each mail or \$1.50 per week (it was a tri-weekly mail) for running a private mail sack for themselves and a dozen of their friends; I run it over a year without a settlement although I have McSween's written promise, dated shortly before he was killed, promising to settle soon as he got home to Lincoln. This bill I have divided between the McSween and the Junstall estates. The bill, altogether is \$118.28. The balance of it is for postage stamps, stamped envelopes, &c., for which I paid cash. I