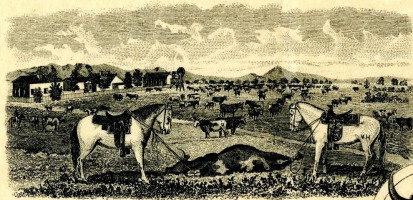


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F. L. Vail, Esq.,

Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Mr. Vail:

I wired you yesterday morning about the accident that happened to your brother, and do not know whether anyone at the house wrote you any particulars or not.

Mr. Vail was returning from Redondo with Mrs Vail and Russell, when, on reaching the corner of Grand Avenue and Seventh Street, he alighted from the inside front platform of the Redondo car and turned with his back towards Seventh Street to help Mrs Vail from the car. At that moment, the Grand Avenue car coming along Seventh Street, turned on to the curve and before he could understand the warning given him by Russell to look out for the car, he was caught between the side of that car and the inside front end of the Redondo car and so severely crushed that two of his ribs were broken in two places and his collar bone broken. Mr. Vail thinks that his shoulder blade was broken and, although the Doctors after an examination have stated that such is not the case, he still believes that it is either broken or that some bone close to it is broken, as he thinks he can feel a fracture and the shoulder blade gives him a great deal of pain.

Dr. Shorb has made a very satisfactory report as to what he believes to be Mr. Vail's condition and as to the time he believes it will take him to recover, which report has been very encouraging to us, but, in the face of that report, Mr. Vail does not look to me as though his recovery was likely to be as speedy as the Doctor would indicate. I saw him last evening on my way home and again this morning on my way to the office and he does not look to me to be in as good shape this morning as he was last night. He passed rather a restless night, suffering a great deal. He doses off very frequently and then talks, principally about business. He is at times flighty and then talks more, which has a tendency to rouse him, and then he is quiet until he doses again. I think he thinks too much about his business, but perhaps he cannot help that. I suppose it is not to be wondered at that for the first week or such a matter, he will suffer a great deal; and he shows now that he is suffering a great deal, which we are all very sorry to see, but the Doctor thinks that with favorable conditions his recovery should not take very long, and should be complete.

What I have written above is not with a view of alarming you at all, because from what the Doctor says, we do not think there is cause for any great alarm, but is simply to advise you as nearly as I can and from what I know what his real condition is. We will keep you as well posted as possible and hope to be able to send you a more encouraging account of Mr. Vail's condition on Monday than we can give you now.

The balance of the family are well.

Yours very truly,

Oliver Mills.