

Neva Creek
Sunday, Aug. 4, 1901

My dearest Sweetheart,

I made a flying trip to Quartz creek the other day, found Ma there, quite well and two dear letters from my only sweetheart in which were the pictures, I think them all good, Dan with his gun and rope is a dandy, Paula is too cute standing by Dan in the gate.

Weather fine here water was quite short till yesterday when it commenced to rain and creek came up right away so have plenty of water to sluice, have not struck any thing much yet, but look better every day. A man by the name of Madaren came along the other day and said he located the claim above where we are working, before Bill did, we are working on the mouth of Neva, where it empties into the Kongrock so he had us arrested, appear before the Judge at Quartz Creek to-morrow. As I understand it they are running a big bluff. If they are entitled to the property I want them to have it.

Am opening up Dan Creek, which is about five miles up the river from here, will go up there as soon as I get back from Quartz.

Am about ready to commence sluicing on No. 11 Quartz Creek guess it will be pretty good. If I see that it is impossible to get along here without law suits and trouble all the time, I am going to try and sell out, but I want to get my claims opened up in shape first. Will prospect Uncle Lon's claim in a few days, its is about two miles up from the mouth on Neva Creek. I hope to strike something on it. Tom is really doing nothing yet, makes a big bluff at times to start out but has done nothing yet, but hang around Ma's.

About Neva's nuggets - Bill sent \$50.00 worth last fall by a

man named Geo Ostrum and he heard this spring that Ostrum struck San Fran with \$2.50 so he must have spent all the nuggets. We have not found any very large ones here yet, but they are getting larger right along. Will put in one this time for a sample of what we take out to-day. Will save you a lot of small nuggets odd shapes for a chain or bracelet, if I don't get out enough gold for anything else. Will finish this later.

Monday at Quartz Creek - Ma here and Louis won claim suit in a walk - Judge decided in our favor right away.

Enclosed you will find a sample of our Alaska flowers - also a nugget which we took out yesterday.

Am anxious to see how Dan Creek is going to turn out, will know in a few days. Am well and feeling fine, think I am getting a little heavier guess you are gaining too and your dear self.

Nothing more this time

Devotedly yours only

Paul