

These letters (with the exception of a few at the end) deal with the Mexican Railroad project - many are personal letters and some are quite charming. It is clear that Fremont and Eva had a very close and trusting relationship with Herbert and Nellie, though Eva was adventuresome and Nellie - was not.

- letter dated Kansas City Tuesday morning; no date but a note enclosed with the letter was dated 12/18/1901
to Helen H Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Nellie - Arrived here safe and sound. They called our train about three minutes before our sleeping car tickets were ready, so you see we had no time to spare. Our berths were made and we were in bed before we left Omaha. That hearty laugh at Lyons did me a world of good. I had been bracing myself for what seemed to me to me a tragedy and it was turned into a comedy. I woke up in the night and had to laugh. It did look so funny to see you great big women pounce down on one poor little fellow. I was really afraid [words torn away] -n't survive. I sha--[words torn away] for signs of softening of the brain. Our train is over an hour late from here, but Mont says we can get on our sleeper, so by by. Expect to get a letter from you in Mexico. Love from
Eva

P S Have Ruth write

Dear Nellie - Eva says I may write to you- good isent she? Have been eating the pressed chicken that you fixed- it was very good but I just thought how much better you would be pressed than the chicken. Now when Eva reads that she wont let me write again. Tell Herbert that I will write him soon. Mont

enclosed letter dated on train near La Junta Col. 12/18/1901
to Helen H Shumway from Fremont Everett

We did not get the letter mailed so will write a little more and mail at La Junta. We had a good nights sleep but we rode cold all day yesterday. There is more snow here than at Lyons and it seems every bit as cold. They could not by any means get the cars warm. We will stop soon for breakfast. Feel as though I could eat a good one.

Well our journey is so far very uneventful, and there is not much to write. We just eat and sleep and ride.

I just looked this over, think I will let him send it.

Eva

- letter dated Mexico City, Mexico 1/08/1902 to Helen H Shumway from Clara Everett.

Dear Aunt Nellie, Mamma has just been reading a letter from Uncle Herbert so I decided to write to you.

I wish you were down here. My would'nt you and mamma enjoy the sightseeing together. There is so much of interest in and around the city. One place that I would like to hear you exclaim over is the Palace of Chapultepec. I suppose Uncle Herbert has told you about that but it is the most magnificiently furnished building I was ever in. Then we have ridden a short

distance down the Viga Canal and also among the floating gardens. Then we've been out to Coaycan where is Cortez old home and the well where he drowned his first wife. We took nearly all these sights in the first week when there were a party of tourists, whose acquaintance we had made on the sleeper from El Paso down, to go with us. They were very nice people but they have gone now and also some other people, a Mrs. Neeland and a Mrs. Corunell, the latter will be down in Tuxtla this winter she has some interest in the bank, the former's husband is overseer of the r. r. crew and so she goes with her husband, have made it more pleasant for us, but they go to-night with the r.r. party. Mr Neeland and Burt Lyon will open the bank while papa with us waits here until the bills come and then signs them. It will be about a month I suppose before we leave.

We have two large rooms, very comfortably furnished and do very light-house-keeping. We get meals at Porter's Restaurant when we wish. Nearly every morning we visit the flower market and try to jew down the natives who of course expect it and sometimes we get bargains in sweet peas, roses, etc. In the afternoon we study Spanish. We are taking [lessons] of a Spanish girl. She is very pretty but speaks English very little. I am afraid we will not learn very quickly of her but we like the girl very much. Then in the evening the carriage parade down San Francisco St when all the swells of the city make a display of themselves in their fine carriages drawn by beautiful horses, and driven by a coachman all togged out in livery. This lasts from about half past five until half past seven.

Address us at The Hopkins House Room No 9. How is Ruth? Does she still go to school? Tell her to write to auntie and me. We would like it ever so much.

Love to all Clara M Everett

- letter dated Mexico City, Mexico 1/09/1902 to Helen H Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Nellie We received H.P. letter yesterday. He said you had been talking of writing for a week so I expect to get a letter from you soon. I think if you folks knew how we long to hear from there you would do better. You want to be sure and come down when Herbert does. You will have to put up with a great deal that is disagreeable, but I think you will feel paid, for it is a wonderful and peculiar country. I enjoyed it at first but am getting tired of seeing so much dirt and filth and wretchedness. We try to see something new every day. Yesterday we hunted pon brokers shops. I found an opal ring for Clara that I thought was pretty and cheap. We have been to all the places of note in and near Mexico. When Mont gets time we we are going to take some of the side trips. We have two real pleasant rooms. Pay \$65 a month. We get meal tickets at about \$.65 a meal. Part of the time we lunch in our room. Every thing is so high. butter \$.90 a lb. Cream \$.80 a qt. Crackers \$.50. Chicken \$1.75. I prised a bottle of preserved cherries that held a quart \$2.50, everything else the same. It is so provoking that we have to be to all this expense. Did Ruth get her spoon and the boys their pins. They are made of Mexican money. Love to all from Evelyn Everett

- undated letter apparently from Mexico City to Herbert Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Brother You wondered how Clara and I stood the earthquake shock. I do not think either of us was frightened. I ran out on the balcony to see if there was any thing to see. Of course it gave one a peculiar sensation to feel the earth swaying, as Clara said it made one feel rather puny when this great solid stone building would rock so. It broke the wall in the out side room. They say the safest place is in the doorway opening onto the patio. I never was seasick but I was decidedly dizzy that time, and my head was swaying after the earth stoped. I don't worry any over them. I begin to think my nerves are pretty good, even the "alacran" (the most poisonous of the scorpion family) didn't frighten me out. I will send you a picture from time to time that I think you will like. I have not received that letter yet from Nellie that she was going to write so long ago. Love to you all from your Sister. Evelyn Everett

- letter dated Tuxtla, Mexico 3/02/1902 to Herbert & Helen Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Sister and Brother My long journey is ended at last. Nothing would have induced me to have undertaken it, if I had had an idea what I would be obliged to go through. Herbert you know how the fleas and dirt was at Vera Cruz. Well that was a fine clean palace compared with what we have had since. The last night before we got here we stayed at a hut with pigs, horses, dogs and hens as sleeping companions. The bed room had a roof of mud and straw, for floor the ground and it smelt horrid, so we all took our cots out in the open air, but we could not leave the fleas behind. There were thousands of them. We could not sleep at all. We would have driven on but the team had to rest. When we arrived at San Geronimo we found the teams gone so Mont came across horseback. We had to waite six days for a boat to take us to Tonalá. The hotel was a good-sized barn barn with boarded up stalls a little higher than your head for bedrooms. One end of the dinning room was a saloon, in one corner a billard table, and the dinning table in the other. Imagine us eating with men smoking, playing and drinking and half a dozen dogs howling and dodging under your chair to get away from the kicks of the men. The people are very kind. They did all they could for us, but it was very hard to endure. Salina Cruz was worse for there were bed bugs as well as fleas. The boarding the boat was quite a novelty. The harbor is not deep enough to let the steamer in very close to land so they send a launch out to carry things to it. The launch can't get within 30 or 40 ft of shore so things are carried out to it by Mexicans. After the freight was loaded I knew our time had come. I wanted Clara loaded first. I was looking around for her when I felt myself suddenly lifted in the air and out in the waves before I knew what had happened, and then I clung for dear life to the neck of a laughing mexican. How I landed in the boat I don't know, but Mrs McDonald who followed came in with her feet in the air and her dress skirts around her waist. When we reached the steamer a kind of a basket chair was let down by machinery which we got in and were safely put aboard. The whole thing was very comical. We had to pay \$.25 to get aboard the launch and 1.50 to get on the steamer, and the same to land, only four men carried us to shore in a chair.

We arrived at he port at ten in the morning. Drove to Tonalá in the afternoon Friday.

Drove to Aurero [?] Sunday. Started from Aurora Monday morning arriving here Thursday night, and such as sight as we are. The fleas don't poison me but they bite and crawl and my body looks as though some one had jabbed me all over with a needle. Clara looks as though she had the small pox and scarlet fever combined. If we can not get rid of them I shall take her home for it is terrible. They tell us it is all right after we get cleaned up. I hope so. The first day I got a tick on me which you have to burn out or they are liable to leave a bad sore, but I concluded the burn was worse than the bite so have pulled the others out. They have not amounted to much yet. The worst of anything that we have found yet is a tiny insect like a speck of dust that gets on you from the trees. It causes an eruption that looks and itches like poison ivy. It lasts about two days. We got pretty badly covered. All these insects come from the trees, if you keep away from them you are all right. The scenery over the mountains was very fine, and the people treat you so nicely that they put us of the states to shame. Every place we stopped we were treated as honored guests. Every thing they had was at our disposal. It is very pleasant if they are not sincere, but I don't believe they are as bad as they are painted.

The flowers are perfectly lovely. Great trees as large as the oaks in Minn. loaded with bloom. Some look like pink, yellow and white lilies. One that is very beautiful is star shaped with pure white waxy petals and very fragrant. Mont has been waiting some time for me to come to bed, so good night. Love to all and tell Ruth to write. From Evelyn Everett

- letter dated Salina Cruz 7/12/1902 to Herbert & Helen Shumway from Evelyn Everett

My dear Brother and Sister We arrived in Salina Cruz just in time for the boat if it had sailed on time. They came in on time but had such a heavy cargo to load they did not get out last night, expect to go tonight. We have nice clean rooms and good wholesome food here this time. It is a saloon kept by an American. He treats us nicely. Last night at about two o'clock some one came and knocked on the door and called to Mr Hunter for a room. Mr Hunter called back that he could not keep him. The man said can we have this porch, I have been to four places before this, and I must have shelter, for I have a lady with me. I then opened my door which opened on the porch and told him the lady could share my room. The lady proved to be the wife of our master mechanic. You can imagine her delight when she heard they had found me, she is making her trip down here for the first time without her husband. They could not spare him to go after her. She is nearly prostrated with nervousness today. I hope she will stay, for they say he understands his business and he will not stay without her.

Since we left Laredo there has been four wrecks of trains that left just ahead of us, and one of our cars jumped the track, but all is well that ends well. I don't know why it is so, but I have not been so light hearted since I was a girl. All that heavyness seems to have been lifted. Clara hardly knows what to make of it. Perhaps it is because I have made up my mind not to struggle any more but take things as they come. I think Mr Milligan is almost perfection. Tell Mr Milligan I would be very proud if I had such a son. He is as thoughtful as a man of forty. Love to all from your sister Evelyn Everett

- letter dated Hilesco, Mexico 8/21/1902 to Herbert and Helen Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

My Dear Brother and Sister I wondered and wondered why you did not answer my letter. When Bert came from Tuxtla he brought it down. I don't know why he did not send it. Of course I was very disappointed when I found I was not to go back to Tuxtla. I felt that I could not stay here, but I am well contented now. We brought down part of our things and sold the rest there. We have a nice comfortable room up on a side hill and get our meals at camp. Mont wrote you about the steamer. It was so aggravating. We went down to the train to bring the folks up, and there the steamer lay and the undercurrent so strong the boat could not go out to her. Finely I said we will go down on the beach and wave. If Walt is there he will know us by our dress (for Americans are rare) and he will wave back. Some one answered instantly, and that is all we know. The boat went on without unloading and carried away all the lumber and tools that the company have been wating so long for. They say they will send it back by the first boat they meet coming this way but it may be two weeks or more. Granville did not catch that boat. He came in today on another. He is getting the rough side of Mexico with a vengeance. Coming back from Tuxtla in trying to cross a river that was very high on account of a rain, the horse fell and his spur caught on the saddle and he nearly drowned before he could get free.

Oct 1 Clara just found this letter. I supposed I had finished and sent it long ago. I shall be very glad to get back to the states. The steady heat is very trying. We are all broken out with a prickly heat, which itches like poison. The flies are very bad now, but no other insects to speak of, so really we have nothing to complain of. It still keeps raining but not as it ought to. People say stock will die before another rainy season. There is no more water in the streams now than there was when we came down in Feb. I suppose Granville told you about the great earthquake of the 23rd. I wrote him about it. On the 24 a tidal wave came in the port and frightened the people nearly to death. They telephoned for the train. At first Mont did not want me to go down, for every few hours we were having shocks, and another wave might flood the whole country. For miles just back of the port is lower than sea level. I wanted to go for I want to get every thing I can out of staying down here. I tell you the ocean was grand. You can imagine how it must have been disturbed for it was as muddy as the Missouri. The high white crested waves made a picture to be rememmbred. The port is disserted but I suppose they will build it up again when they get over their scare. They say it was the worst shock they ever had. I am so glad I was here to experience it. The rumble that comes first is quite terrifying. Today is the first day that we have escaped from a shock or two.

Now about business. Don't judge Mont until you see him and let him explain. If ever a man was placed in a hard position he is the man. Trying to do as he thinks best and receiving orders from Walt contrary to his judgement. For instance, to dischage draughtsmen (maps not finished). To discharge engineer when his work is not finished and it would take months and all the expense over again to get another. I was so provoked last night. We got letters from Walt and his father both wondering why he had not obeyed orders and discharged the men. I told him to do it, we could stand the loss if they could. He did not sleep at all last night. He said the worst of all was for me not to stand with him. He said he must go ahead for he was sure he was right. I agree with him but I do get so out of patience with Walt trying to run things when he knows nothing about the circumstances. I am afraid you will all think it unnecessary to

straighten that curve that the inspector insists on. Walt and Neeland insisted that you did not have to go to Tonalá. Mont telegraphed Casjesus. He says it must be done before the government will accept. He dares not telegraph about the curve for fear it will stir things up and you will have all the curves to straighten, and that point is not as unreasonable as going to Tonalá. Those two things done, the inspector says he will accept the road. Mont is keeping the men to complete the road which is not finished anywhere, and to make those changes. He says he dares not take the chances on losing the whole by trying to save a little now. The maps should have been made and accepted first, then there would have been no trouble, and they are not done yet. You may think you know something, but just come down here and try to build a rail road and that conceit will be taken out of you in a hurry. When this is accepted the rest will go on swimmingly for you have already bought your experience. Think of a mess of greenhorns trying to build a railroad in Mexico, out of the world, where it takes six weeks to get a screw, with a government that has unheard of laws, and a people that are as ignorant as cattle, and you can congratulate yourself that it has been done at all, instead of having a nice little sum

- note dated June 24 (no year) to Herbert Shumway from Franklin Everett

Friend Herbert I inclose letter from Mont which explains it self better than any thing that I can say. I dont know how much money has bin sent down there since the meeting in Chicago but if there has bin no ties bought it seems to me that there should not bin very much money spent. Tel Miligan to put in what ever money that he wishes so that he will get as big a bonas as any one gets. How is your lone geting along.¹ F Everett

- letterhead of H P SHUMWAY & CO dealers in LUMBER, COAL AND FARM MACHINERY agents for J I Case Threshing Machine Co - Wakefield, Neb _____ 190; established 1882, oldest firm in Wakefield agreement dated 2/25/1903

I hereby agree that in consideration of services rendered and to be rendered I will assign to H P Shumway one of the nine points of interest that I now hold in the Pan American Rail Road Company. And this I will do as soon as the stocks bonds and other properties representing the said values in said proposition are in my hands and in shape for transfer. [signed] Fremont Everett in presence of H H Everett

- undated note from (apparently) Mexico to Herbert Shumway from Fremont Everett

Dear Brother: As Eva and Clara do not like it down here, I do not think it right to keep them in such a place and so shall go home as soon as I can see my way clear. But will stay until things

¹ This letter clearly dates from about 1902-4.

are all in good shape here. So if you will turn me back the point that I gave you [in reference to agreement dated 2/25/1903] expecting to have you attend to my affairs for a long time, we will settle in some other way.

Your brother, Fremont Everett

- letter 2546 - 15th St, Denver Colo dated 4/02/1903 to Herbert P Shumway from Fremont Everett

Dear Bro - Your letter of 31st at hand and I am greatly pleased that Mr M feels as he does. But the fact is that it is the only thing to do.

I am going to go home next week and get into harness again. About the mortgage, I will get a new abstract if you desire. But as you had had the title examined and passed on by Brown I had no thought that you would have any anxiety about the matter. Of course I know the title is perfect but in case of your death it might be best for you to have among your papers an abstract with a lawyer's opinion on it. As Brown passed on it once he will readily do so again. I will write and order a new abstract. You have enough to worry over without worrying over that.

I hope we can buy Evans. If the Nebr people get that, we are in fine shape, as it will give us somewhere near 60% of the deal, and by no possibility can we ever be frozen out.

I presume, now that Granville is gone, that I shall have to go to Mexico again soon. But it will not do for me to go until these legal and monetary matters are all fixed up. Yours, Mont

- letterhead of THE FARMERS BANK, A State Bank
Walter Everett Pres't
Fremont Everett, Vice Pres't
W S Newmyer, Cashier
John P Piper, Asst Cashier

Letter dated Lyons, Nebr 5/10/1903 to Herbert P Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Brother

To say that I am angry and hurt is putting it mild. You know a blow at ones conceit tells. I was conceited enough to think that Mont did something for the company, and that it was appreciated, but it seems that they either don't want us to go down again or that we are only fit to do the disagreeable work. Nell said before when we were down that we were staying because we wanted to. The company did not need us. Mont says I can do as I please. He feels under no obligation to go. I told you, father and Bert that I consented to go, on condition that Mont had one of the leading places. I do not think it was too much to ask, for it would do us so much good down there. I could not sleep last night and woke Mont up in the middle of the night to tell him I was not going, but changed it to I did not think I would go. If we saved the company anything by going we would only have a part of it, if the company loses anything by our not going, it is only part our loss. I don't blame anyone, or ourselves either. Things just naturally go to some. I feel now like laying back and letting things drift. There will be enough made anyway, and I see

no reason why we should sacrifice any more for it. Mont got a letter from Fred yesterday. Mont thinks he sees where he can help, and he says if I will plan on going down and only staying six weeks or two months he will go and get a long the rest of the time with out me. But I don't trust him. I have heard him talk before. If Walt had not been willing to have turned over the office to Mont, I would have seen everything lost before I would have gone a step. On the other hand it shows all the plainer that the company did not want Mont or were indifferent. You don't think we are under any obligation to go, do you under the circumstances? From your sister Evelyn Everett note from Fremont Everett at bottom: Dont say a word of what Eva has written to any one.

- Lyons, Neb letter dated 5/13/1903 to Herbert Shumway from Fremont Everett

Dear Brother: I should start for Mexico Monday but am subpoenaed to appear at Tekamah on the 15 and again on the 19.

I have not found a Dr yet and begin to fear that we shall not get one.

I think that we have done enough business on the plan of relying on fairness and "afterward" settlements. And to avoid all dissatisfaction and misunderstanding I want an agreement similar to the enclosed, signed by yourself, Mr Milligan, Mr Mathewson, father, and Burt so that there can be no mistake as to the understanding among us. Were I not a member of the executive committee I would ask for a formal contract. But under the circumstances I think it would look better to merely have a signed memoranda, which in our circumstances will be just as good. I met Burt on the road this morning, and asked him what, in his opinion, would be fair - not having mentioned it to him before. "o!" said he, "\$5000 or \$6000." You, Mr Milligan, and Burt all putting it at practically the same figure. But no one can tell what will happen in a year.

I send you the Knox Co papers, including the Bearer note. I do not want to undertake to settle with Bearer, as I go so soon, and will leave it all to you. But I think it would be a good idea to try to induce prompt payment by offering to throw off a part or all (as you think best) of the disputed amount. About the difference due me from the Graves estate, just figure it out and when it comes in send it down to apply on my debt at the bank. If the abstract does not get around before I go, you can get it after I am gone.

I do not know as I shall see you again before I start, for I am going as soon as I can get away; but I shall go, easy in mind as to my own affairs, believing that you will treat them as carefully as you do your own. Work Hallie in all you can, but do not leave too much to him because he is my son, but remember he is a boy yet. I dont want to think of my own business after I statrt away. I want for some months at least to belong body and soul to the Chiapas Construction Co. I dont want any business but ITS business on my mind.

Your brother Fremont Everett

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letterhead of THE FARMERS BANK, A State Bank

Lyons, Neb

undated note to Herbert Shumway from Fremont Everett; believe this dates from 1903-4

Dear Bro Better accept appointment. It was in my opinion a mistake to ask it. It would be a far greater one to decline it now it is offered. I do not think an appointment like that helps for a better one, but to refuse it now might hurt.

I think you can have Hallie do a good deal of my farm visiting, dont want you to leave it all to him, but I would like him to have the drill of it, leaving the decision of important things, of course, to you, and you going often enough to keep in touch. If Hallie carries book when he goes and keeps memorandum of everything talked over, you can keep posted. I think timothy, red clover and white clover, mixed, the best grass seed for pasture. Herman Seuers [?] on Barron farm pays \$2.00 per acre cash rent for seeded ground and furnishes his own grass seed. But he has a very desirable farm. Mont

- Letterhead of the PAN-AMERICAN RAILROAD COMPANY - FERROCARRIL PAN-AMERICANO - Construction Department
letter dated San Geronimo, Oaxaca 7/27/1903

Dear Brother: I wish you would look up the land prices and see what can be got for this land. I have an idea that the W 1/2 of w 1/2 22-29-8 should bring \$2,000 but perhaps \$1800 is enough. Engine still hung up on V C & P. Laid 1/2 Kilometer track with push cars today, can go out 8 kilometers with push cars all right. Am going to keep going until the rails are all used. Work going well at other end. Fremont

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letterhead of the CHIAPAS CONSTRUCTION CO -

JO Milligan, President

J M Neeland, Vice President

H P Shumway, Treasurer

Rob't S McClure, Sec'y

Walter Everett, Gen. Man.

Fremont Everett, Ass't Gen. Man.

Executive Committee Fremont Everett, J O Milligan, H P Shumway

letter dated San Geronimo, Oaxaca 10/01/1903 to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Brother,

I am a little uneasy about Mr. Link Milligan. He left here two weeks ago Monday. Said he was going to the City to meet his wife. We have heard nothing from him since. Perhaps he is home. He had every appearance of having been on a long spree. He came up on the six o'clock

train from Salina Cruz Sunday night. We had hard hard work to get him away from the saloon to come down here at all. We kept him here until a little after nine, and I fixed up his bed for him, but he kept insisting on going back to town to see a man. Of course we could not force him to stay, so Mr Green went up with him and stayed until he went to sleep in his chair, then he took all his valuables and put him to bed, and left him. The next morning he came down to breakfast. He seemed to be in a dazed condition. Mont would ask him about the work down the road, he would say something was wrong, but did not know where to lay the blame. He wanted to be put in superintendent. Mont would have been in favor of it if he had kept himself straight. I can not help worrying for fear he did not reach Mexico City. Is he quarrelsome when he has been drinking? Mont and Walt went down the line Monday. I do not know what they will do. They may not make any change, but Mont may spend his time going back and forth, perhaps they would be more saving if he was there. If they do that I think I will come home. Don't let Mr Milligan know that Link has been drinking, if they have heard from him, for Link would be so offended at me, and it would do no good, only worry his folks. If they have not heard, something must be wrong.

Love to all From your sister Evelyn Everett

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letterhead of the CHIAPAS CONSTRUCTION CO -

letter dated San Geronimo, Oaxaca 10/6/1903 to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from Fremont Everett

Dear Brother I want you and Walter to rake up every possible dollar of mine and put it into the deal in some shape either for extra stock or on the bond proposition. I do not know that you can get anything together after paying my interest at Oakland, but I thought perhaps you might raise a thousand dollars out of crops. It is too early for corn to go on the market, but I wish you would hire in my name as much money as you think my crops and farm produce will surely pay. The next 90 days from this date will surely see us through and we must have money and have it quickly. It ought to be safe to hire at least \$2,000 on the stock and grain that I can market during the next six months.

Yours Fremont Everett

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letter dated Lyons, Nebr 12/14/1903
to Herbert Shumway from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Dear Brother, Mont wanted me to get \$100 either from Laurel or Coleridge to meet a check which he had drawn on the bank. I knew it was no use to write Laurel, so had Will write Coleridge. They wrote back they could not possibly let him have it. Now it seems to be something must be wrong there. I think I had better not write Mont anything about it, for it is hard enough for him to stay anyway. I do not know what to do unless you take it from the fund you have been getting together for him. I will have to have \$150 or \$200 to last me, if Mont don't come until Feb. It takes about \$60 to take us to Denver and we have our rent to pay in

advance &c. Mont made his plans expecting me to draw it from Laurel or Coleridge. What shall I do. Is there any other way? I wish Mont was here, I don't like this worry. From your sister Evelyn Everett

PS Father E says you had better get that money at Wayne if you can. He just telephoned me.

- letterhead of the PIONEER LUMBER COMPANY, Fremont Everett, President; M A Butterfield Vice-President; M E Butterfield Secretary; John Horsch, Treasurer- Coleridge, Nebr _____ 190__
letter dated 4/28/1904
to Herbert P Shumway from Fremont Everett

Dear Bro; Please write me fully what arrangements you made with Mr Ed Dirks about surveying. He has gobbled about two acres of my land and says you agreed to stand by a new Survey. If you tied me up in that way I must stand it of course. If you did not I am going to bring suit at once. I have a clear case if you did not waive my rights. Please write fully and exactly what was said and done. yours, Fremont Everett

He is the man living south of Cave Farm

- letter dated Lyons 6/16/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Fremont Everett

Dear Brother I congratulate you most heartily on your trade. It is the best trade of your life. I would not give the other fellow \$4000 for the building that he allowed you \$10,000 for.

Was he drunk? Or did you hypnotize him? Cant you trade off our Laurel property. If you will find us such a deal as you got, will pay you a most liberal commission.

Eva says she owes you a dollar will pay when I see you.

Mont

Fannie will not get here until tomorrow.

- letter dated Lyons 8/16/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Walter Everett

Dear Sir and Friend Your letters of Aug 14th and 15th both rec'd this morning. As to the note due me of \$7,000 I find that here all right. It was in father's papers. I note what you say as to the am't due you out of the subsidy, and if we ever get the subsidy will sell bonds equal to your amounts and get you cash. very truly yours, Walter Everett

- letterhead of PORTER'S HOTEL, la San Francisco No 4, Mexico City, Mexico
letter dated Mexico, DF 9/09/1904 to Evelyn Everett from Fremont Everett

My own precious wife: I saw Mr McDonald and he seemed very pleased to meet me. He says they enjoyed their trip to the states very much.

We learn that Walter intends to return promptly from St Louis. Why he went is a mystery to me. But we got good news yesterday from Burt Lyon. He says that the road is ready for acceptance and that the inspector says that we can open the road the 15th. But I don't see how that can be done with Walter away. For we do not know what papers and blanks he had secured. On the tenth we are going to have an interview with Casarus and learn what we can and we will apply to the government to permit us to open, and then open as soon as we can. I don't think Walter can get back before the 14th so the opening on the 15th looks impossible to me yet. If only we had come down here one week sooner. But we did not and here we are in a mixup owing to not catching Walt. But really it looks as though our road would be accepted right away. Lots and lots of love. Address as shown at the top of the sheet. Fremont Everett

P S Let Father read my letters so I won't need to write the same things twice.

postscript by Evelyn Everett (sending on to Herbert Shumway);

Tell Myron I will not be up to Wayne. He and Mattie are going up Saturday and wrote for me to meet them Eva

- postcard dated Lyons, Nebr 9/13/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Evelyn Shumway
Everett

Dear Brother, Clara was so lonesome while I was away I haven't the heart to leave her. Her anticipations are so high and she is so joyous I can not bear to cast such a cloud over her. Disappointments and troubles come fast enough that can't be helped. I will let her be happy while I can. I will not always have it in my power. Eva

- letterhead of Hotel Iturbide, Mexico letter dated 9/15/1904
to Herbert Shumway from J D Haskell

My dear Shumway

I should have written to you before but supposed Fremont had done so until to-day he informed me that he had not been thinking that you would be in Seattle. I presume that Davies [?] has advised you so far as he could of the way things stand down here. A telegram, dated Omaha Sept 13, from Walter asked us all to await him here and to wire him care of Boyden. We had expected him here to-day but now not until next Monday. We are at sea as to causes for his extensive journeyings but take it for granted that they are weighty. He ought to be here but perhaps nothing is suffering. We look for Neeland to-morrow from St Louis where he has been with Walter. He has been made Gen. Supt. by Drak and Heinz has been made Supt. of Construction and also of operation. Heinz has been here for 2 weeks preparing schedule of freight rates with the help of an expert employed by Drak. This is necessary or road cannot be

operated until this is done and rates published. Stringfellow arrived 2 days ago with maps and plats of surveys of the 3 routes below Tonila [sic]. One is called the upper passing right in from Tonila and leasing 20 Kilom. to port sidetrack and so without subsidys. Another, the middle or Baring [?], leasing track 6 Kilm from Port, the 3rd or Island route running from Port and near shore the easiest by far but not liked by Government as being too low. It is thought the middle route will be accepted. Everything points to the speedy acceptance of the road. The inspector has telegraphed Casusus that the road is acceptable. Casusus has notified the Government who have telegraphed Inspector asking if road is acceptable. On his reply that it is Government will accept and in 10 days or 2 weeks pay subsidy. Casusus has advised us that Limantour intends to pay subsidy in silver 80' on dollar. We are of course sorry for this. If this is done we will have a goodly pile to carry home. We are impatient to get things settled so as to go home but can do nothing until Walter comes. We are about to start a ballgame. I shall be glad to hear from you. Mr Milligan still stays and will probably until road is accepted. Sincerely yours
(unsigned but in same hand as others by J D Haskell)

- letter dated Friday, 9/29; reference to World's Fair makes it 1904 to Herbert Shumway apparently from Evelyn Shumway Everett

Herbert My Dear Brother Please sir arise to remark no I mean I sit down to write a few lines to you in regard to the World's Fair I have been looking about for means to go with I declare Herbert with such a family on day wages I cant see where it is coming from, besides we have about \$500 to raise by the first of Jan including the house repairs, all I complain of is why I was ever born to love so intensely such things, and a poor purse. The thought occured to me possibly you might get me a pass (do you feel like saying that is just like a woman to have no better business ideas) of course I dont understand such things: if I could have a pass I could make my other expenses come within my means I beleve I will have to hire a girl and other expenses I can't avoid if I go. I await your reply with a good deal anxiety for if you and Mont folks go without me it will break my "pore heart sure enuf." Yours in haste, sister

- letterhead of Hotel Iturbide, Mexico letter dated 10/02/1904 to Herbert Shumway from J.D. Haskell

My Dear Shumway Casusus has notified us that the Government will pay our subsidy tomorrow at 11 AM. \$557,00 will be reserved for the completion of steel bridges, stations &c. Under our new contract with Drak he is to do all these things and receives \$300,000 while we get \$257,000 when they are done. The government pays cash 80% which makes \$1,176,400 now or \$547,163 gold. 65% will now be paid of the obligations. Drak has until next July 1 to pay cash for bonds. The enterprise will not pay as much as all had figured but there will [?] be fair profits if the R R bonds are paid as everyone expects. I secured for you an allowance of \$700 salary for you as treasurer, which I thought would not come amiss.

With kind regards and hopes that your Seattle trip may be most pleasant for you and Mrs Shumway I am Sincerely yours, J M D Haskell

- note dated Mexico, 10/05/1904 to Herbert Shumway from Fremont Everett

Dear Brother: I send draft for Neeland Note.

The note read 10% but it was a printed form and Walter and Neeland both were of the opinion that the understanding was 7% and I figured it that way. But Neeland paid the exchange which is an item here.

I start home tomorrow but will mail this today. Will explain all when I see you, it is too long to write. Yours, Fremont Everett

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letterhead of THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUEL COMPANY - miners and wholesalers of COAL

letter dated 10/31/1905 to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr; from Fremont Everett

Dear Brother: I have received both your letters, one containing Yeaton Stock Certificates and one containing mine. I shall endeavor to see mr Chas W Eberlein while he is at [Portland?].

I think your suggestion that I get in touch with the local agent at Portland, a good one. Will try to establish friendly relations with him.

Butterfield is here and will be in Wakefield in a few days and you can deliver the stock to him.

Yours, Fremont Everett

- letterhead of The Palmer House, Chicago (The Chicago Hotel Co, Lessee) Cable address
REMLAP _____ 190__
letter dated Oct 31 (suppose this to be 1904 or 1905) to Fremont Everett, Lyons, Nebr;
from Walter Everett

Dear Brother I wrote you several days ago about the stock of Chiapas Construction Co that Milligan took to Neb for Herbert to sign & return here. Up to date I have not heard from you, neither has the stock been rec'd by either Boyden or I. If it can't be sent very soon hold it till I come. I will leave here tomorrow or next day, I now expect. Have my mail held there.

In haste, Walter Everett note to HPS from Fremont Everett: I do not understand about the stock, for Boyden and Walter have done the business.

Yours in haste, Mont.

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Fremont Everett, 329 Artisan's Building, Portland Oregon
letter dated 9/09/1922 to Howard Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr; from Fremont Everett

My Dear Boy:

Your welcome letter of Sept 2nd came duly to hand and as your aunt Eva probably will never get at it to answer I will do so for her. She will be glad to have the old letters that you are sending, and we thank you for them. We are pleased that you have your father's estate in fairly easy shape. I am getting on all right but in my effort to help others I have made myself hard up in my later years when I should have plenty of cash to spend. But perhaps it is just as well for all concerned. My grandchildren will get less from me and will have to work for themselves which will be greatly to their advantage.

If you can get 72 for Rocky Mountain Fuel Bonds you are lucky. I sold mine for 55. I have little faith in our Mexican bonds - do not think the past due interest will ever be paid, and greatly doubt the payment of any part of the principal. Repudiation is in the air. Russia avows it. Germany would adopt it if she dared. Italy hints at it, France winks at it - only Old England and the United States stand firmly against the rising tide of Bolshevism. Then what can we expect of Mexico - poor, ignorant revolution-ridden Mexico - with its eleven million illiterates. Its ignorant prejudiced population furnishes just the soil for the seeds of socialism and anarchy to spring up and flourish - like mushroom spores on a dung heap. President Obregon would do right if he dared.

Our government could easily compel Mexico to pay her debts to Americans; but any administration that undertook to do so would be howled down by the mass of socialists, pacivists, and other D_____nd "ists" of which our country is full. Political demagogues would rise up and howl that our power was being used to coerce a poor and downtrodden nation in the interest of "Grasping Money Lords."

Well Howard, we may get something out of our just claims against Mexico; but I doubt it. Write when you have time. We are always very pleased to hear from you. Lots of love to your Mother.

Your affectionate Aunt and Uncle, Mont and Eva