

Letters of Edgar Edmund Shumway
1862-1914

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Loans and Insurance

912 17th Street, P O Box 1371 Denver, Colo; _____189__;

E M Johnson, E.E. Shumway

letter dated 9/23/1890

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro

Replying to yours of 22nd not hearing from you I supposed that you had given up the thoughts of running so had arranged for the folks to come on. Have a house rented for Oct 1st. But if you are nominated I will come on if possible and do all I can. If I can not vote it will make no difference - I am now in with others in the "Fidelity" and hate to act their pleasure. On the whole I am rather sorry but if it was not for the Alliance you would win over Hollman as I do not think he can carry his party vote in Dakota Co

Your bro

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 9/24/1890

to Herbert Shumway, from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro:-

Charley writes that you have the kind of a job I want, two seated, canopy top, low sides and light enough for one horse, if so I wish you send it either have it shipped here direct from Omaha or if you have it on hand send it to Coleridge and have it put in the car. Please attend to this promptly, as I want the buggy here when the horse gets here as it will save expense every day.

Yours brother

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 9/25/1890

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro:-

We are out in our new feathers, what do you think of us? I am very anxious to organize a good board in each town in eastern Neb where I am acquainted as each board organized is so much of an endorsement and helps me out that much with the folks here. I may have to call on you to help us and with 20 or 25 shares in organizing the Wakefield board- we will guarantee a good investment and absolute safety. Every \$40 prepaid share will be worth \$500 to Earl when he is 21 years old. You do not know what may happen to you and [hat?] guarantee the boy something of a start. Am very anxious to hear how convention went to-day. We propose putting the Fidelity among the foremost.

Am very busy now, your brother
E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 9/29/1890

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro:-

Yours of 26th received and was rather sorry that you have gone into the fight and the idea now is to win. It will not do to be to scrupulous as to the means. The world honors a successful man. The folks had better stay until after Nov 1st before coming here as I should not want to leave them if I should go back to help you. The winters are so pleasant here that it will not make much difference about being so late about moving. The fair is \$19.15 to Wakefield. We have just got to work with the "Fidelity" but I suppose the folks will have to let me off if I say so and if you should be beaten by a few votes I should always regret it. I could not possibly get away before the 20th anyway.

Your brother
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dated 10/04/1890

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro:-

Replying to your favor of 3rd. If I can arrange the work I will come back to do what I can. Will let you know in a day or two.

Your brother
E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 10/05/1890

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro:-

I have written the folks to come as arranged. I do not see how I can get away possibly if I can they had better be here and get settled anyway. If I could see how to get away I should have to spend time on the road going and coming so that they would have to come along. The folks do not want me to leave as they think I can do much more here at present.

To tell the truth I am just a little discouraged as it is very plain that whatever is done I must do - It is an elephant for one alone and inexperienced. I feel very badly but do not see now how I can spend the time or money.

Your brother Edmund

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letter dated 10/06/1890

to Herbert Shumway, from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro:-

Mr. Zimmerman says Forest will come through with my car so see him at once and if he is ready give him \$5 and have him go to Coleridge Wed so that he can leave there Thursday morning and will be there to see if he has all he wants - If you have not ordered the buggy yet do so at once.

Yours, E.E. Shumway

P S If Forest can not come let the folks at Lyons know so that one of the boys can go if necessary.

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letter dated 11/08/1890

to Herbert Shumway, from Edmund Shumway

Dear Brother:-

Yours of 6th rec'd I am truly glad of your success but I did not expect it. Everything is so badly mixed this fall - Write more fully in regard to the [elections?] - Have had no word from Lyons as yet but expect Mont¹ is elected of course.

Have you ordered that buggy as yet? If you are not going to order it I want to know it so that I can get me one as I am at an expence for the use of one now.

Your brother, E.E. Shumway

Office of Shumway & Wyatt

dealers in grain, coal and live stock;

Coleridge, Neb 18__; E.E. Shumway, W D Wyatt

letter dated 3/15/1891 (in reply to telegram of 14th)

to Herbert Shumway from Edmund Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Am very sorry that I can not spend the time to go to Wakefield but am trying to make some disposition of the *Sentinel* - I now have \$750 in it and do not want to loose more. I will be down Monday morning if you will be at home.

I send you the old invoice book of J S & Sons². You will find summary of losses on page 66 & 67 which will show you on what basis father and I settled. We left it to Mont and settled as he though right. Per

¹Fremont Everett, husband of Eva Shumway, Herbert & Edmund's sister.

² Jeremiah Shumway and Sons - Lumber etc, in Lyons, NE

settlement you owe me \$492.30 less the % you have against me and I would like very much to settle by note if more satisfactory as father will cash the note and give me money to settle up everything here with. Sold Mr. Wyatt everything and am going to pay every dollar I owe before I leave town. I will have nothing left except notes but will be able to protect my name in Denver and the time will come when my name will be bankable yet. Kindly attend to this before you go back. The Alliance is a great factor here and you Rep must look out.

Let me hear from you this evening by wire if necessary. Yours truly, E.E. Shumway

Office of Shumway & Co

Hay & Grain Dealers,

Cor 16th and Wazee Sts, Denver, Colo _____189__; telephone 226

letter dated 10/27/1891

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro

Father writes me that you do not intend paying me for settling the J S Sons business as you do not think it worth any thing - I have no books here but if you will take the trouble to look up the old invoice you will see that no man [-----financed] would have assumed the liabilities of the old firm for all the assets and have agreed to pay back the original capital. Father never got any cash out of it, I never got anything. You only got some benefit out of the business and are the one to object. You forced me into it against my judgement but could not have done it if I had not been ashamed of the condition of affairs and deliberately ruined my own name to save the name of J Shumway & Sons. You say it was my fact, true enough but you [?] pocketed the profits of the wild management which put them there. To the \$3000 then put into your hands you can count many thousands of your present wealth - I never intended forcing this matter the way I have but the position I am in I am compelled to, I am owing father and can not pay him and do not know when I can and it is not right that he should loose any more on me. It is a small matter to you but it is everything to me. I tell you Herbert I hope none of my brothers will ever know what it is to support a family and try to get a start in a large city without money, influence or friends. I appreciate all you have done for me but in any event I can look upon this as anything but simple justice. I shall never mention it again and shall take your silence as expressive of your complete indifference.

Yours &c

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 12/14/1891

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Herbert:-

Yours of 10th containing check for \$20 received. I hardly feel free to accept such a gift as I am in no shape to repay in kind but may be able to sometime. I appreciate it the more knowing the spirit in which it was given. Herbert, I have seen a whole lot of the rough side of life since I came to Denver and things are not coming my way very much yet although I am doing a good business at a good profit. The expenses are

so high that I have to make so much before I have anything for myself. Expenses are about \$10 a day here besides house rent \$25 and living expenses. Never tried so hard to do well in my life but it is tough this trying to get a footing in a strange city against such strong competition.

Did enjoy father and mother's visit so much, we were just a little homesick I guess. Rather expect father back to take dinner Xmas with us. I hate to have him leave mother there alone but he seems to think she is so much better that there is no danger. We are very anxious to know how Nellie gets through.³ You must let us know at once. We are expecting you and Nellie out as soon as Nellie is strong enough to travel but I haven't much to say of Denver as a health resort, never saw worse weather anywhere than we are having this fall. Neb does not compare with it. Last winter it was fine as could be. Do not know how it figured out that you got left in the shuffle last fall but it is probably just as well. That you got left is the only thing.

Father was telling me that you and Majors were getting up a state of your own. Let me know all about it - and if there is anything I can do. I should like to be able to do some good for someone. Please let me know by wire just what you can buy me oats on the track of grain dealers for white or light, mixed, sound and [sirett?]. I think I will be able to handle your corn for you here at a good advantage. Wakefield has a 30 cent rate here while Coleridge has a 40 ½ cent rate.

Your brother, E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 1/02/1892

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

See if you can not buy me one or two cars good oats for not more than \$0.22 on track as W [ie Wakefield?] or possibly \$0.23 if they are white. You need not be afraid to guaranty payment as I will send the money as soon as they are weighed up.

For Xmas presents I got for Nona⁴ a silver syrup pitcher, for Ralph a desk, for Winnie a black board and for Emma a doll, and it is neadless to say they were all hugely pleased with them. Such a Xmas as we had! everyone remembered us - hope you got the things sent from Denver in good time. I forgot to say that I had not got my present for myself yet- have been trying to invoice but can not get at it very closely there is so much doing the first of the month. There is one thing I have not [?] behind any, not much satisfaction is it?

Everyone is making great preparations for the Knights meeting next summer. Would it be worth while for me to take the Chapter and [??] degrees this winter? What does it cost in Neb?

Your brother,

E.E. Shumway

³Perc was born a few weeks later, Jan 6 1892.

⁴ His wife, Nona Wyatt, 1865-94.

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letter dated 8/18/1892

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Your letter from Wisner received. Am rather sorry that you are not on the state ticket this year but think it has a very poor show. The Rep party will hardly be in it in the West this fall.

I only wanted a plain blue lodge charm have one now. Nona starts for Neb this PM Expects to be gone for some time as she is not at all well and am in hopes the trip will do her good as the way she is, she is not able to do her work and help is very expensive and poor at that.

Am thinking of trying to organize a coal company to handle coal in Colo, office at Denver with a capital stock of about \$5000. I have been awfully cramped ever since I have been in business here in Denver for money to do business with and particularly as the business increases faster than the capital does. Have now a good coal trade worked up enough to keep four teams busy during the winter months but to do the coal business with the most profit one must contract for the out put of a certain mine and wholesale all that you can not retail. I can take one half of the stock and would want to place the rest in the family if possible. Think this over won't you and write me what you think of it. If you do not think it perfectly safe have nothing to do with it but if you think it safe I will do my best to make it profitable and it will be on strictly business principals, statements rendered as often as desired &c- See the Lyons folks will you or write them and let me know the result.

Yours truly

E.E. Shumway

Office of Shumway & Co

Hay & Grain Dealers,

Cor 16th and Wazee Sts, Denver, Colo _____ 189__ ; (removed to 1627 Champa St) telephone 226

letter dated 9/23/1892

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Yours of 21st at hand - There are no new developments in the coal trade. We are working hard for the retale trade but I tell you it works slowly. So far as being a benefit to the eastern Neb yards I do not think it would on acc't of ft. [probably freight] but all western Neb and Kan depends upon Colorado for coal and competition is so sharp here in the city that we feel the disadvantage of not having the control of a mine so as to save the wholesalers profits but at present the coal combination is so strong that it is out of the question to hope to get in but there may be a break any time. All that can be done at present is to increase the retale trade so that when the time comes we could contract for the output of a small mine, say one of about 50 to 100 tons a day and know we could handle it all right. I am glad that you wrote as I had about made up my mind that you folks thought it a visionary scheme of mine and not worth a second thought. It seems to me that you folks are getting about all the money out in Eastern Neb that you can use profitably and that a little money judiciously invested in the West would be all right. I can not say much of course as there has been no money

in it for me but it is not the falt of the location or town and I am going to make a winner in time. I haven't asked help yet and do not intend to but if there is money for all and you put your money in thinking that there is money in it all right and if there are any losses I will [have] the heaviest losses and I have not been in the habit since I came to Colorado in playing a losing game. Father does not favor it and that is enough I shall say no more about it. Let him satisfy himself. I think he satisfied himself last winter that I was neither going to the dogs nor living by chance but was making as honest a living as any of you though of course not so good a one. I expect to go to Cripple Creek in the morning to be gone over Sunday.

Am real well but getting anxious for Nona to get home. Your brother
E.E. Shumway

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(removed to 1627 Champa St) telephone 226

letter dated 10/08/1892
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Yours of 6th rec'd - I appreciate what you are doing for us but there seems to be so much trouble in regard to passes and I did not want you in any way to compromise yourself so thought I would say nothing about it. You knew that Nina was there and would have to get back and knew it in time. I left it to you to do the best you could for us. It does seem as though I am having a time to get started again. Had the teams hired out on ranches this fall. One of the best ones died and word just arrived that another has been stolen and last month I had a horse taken out of the barn at 6th & Wazee which I had to pay for, together with all the sickness, medicine and \$150 doctor bills keeps me right down. Do not think I am discouraged but simply fighting against luck pure and simple. Trade is getting better all the time, sent out 60 tons coal in the last six days and we expect a trade of 20 tons a day for the winter months. It is to warm and pleasant to sell much coal yet -

Herbert, I am proud of my family but do not propose to pamper or force them in any way, these "smart" children are too often a disappointment when they get older. I expect Nona⁵ home in the morning. It seems so long since she was gone - almost eight weeks, it is a long time but hope she will come home feeling much better - If she will be able to do her own work it will be a saving of about \$10 a week besides much pleasanter, help we get here is such a bother.

Did you find out anything about F Patch - I understand Mr. Wyatt is to have an auction sale of all his stock including the thorough breads. If so you had better buy in the whole bunch as they are bound to get cheap and the stock is of the best pedigrees perfect and individual animals good. They paid me well - Calves sold from \$40 to \$60 and got cash premiums every fall as high as \$25. Think of this

Your brother

E.E. Shumway

⁵ Nona Wyatt Shumway died June 13, 1894

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to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Yours of 13th just received. Father wrote me that you had sent up and got the horses. Am very glad as I was satisfied that things would go very low at the sale. The mules is fine as he can be, the old mair is quite old and no good double but is a very good single driver. She is of Bashin stock of which I had a certificate from the man who owned and raised her in Iowa but lost it some way in moving. She was tracked as a running mair before she was bread. The colt is from Wilder's horse. He was a thorough bread Hambeltonian and the foal cost me \$25. If you would write Wilson D W at Claramont he would send you a copy of pedegree of the horse and also date when mare was bread. I wish you would do something with the colt if you can as he has cost me lots of money. All real well - Business is very good Your brother

E.E. Shumway\

Office of Shumway & Co.

Dealers in Coal and Coke

1627 Champa Street, Denver, Colo _____ 189__ ; telephone 226

letter dated 11/16/1892

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Yours of 15th rec'd and in reply sent a telegram that we would come if you could get pass in time but really I could not spare the money to go this year, my expenses are so heavy. It will be nice above all things and I shall enjoy it to the fullest. Business will suffer some of course but I have all good men and they can get along some way for a few days. Since I went into the old corner I have not had a vacation even for a day and I think I deserve one. Do as you think best with the mule, I know nothing about what he is worth. I am anxious to get the old matters all settled up as fast as I can. I have not heard from Go. Patch in any way although I have written him many times also his folks down where they moved.

Your brother

E.E. Shumway

PS We will leave D [Denver?] Tuesday evening and will get to Lyons Wed evening.

Office of Shumway & Co.

Dealers in Coal and Coke

1627 Champa Street, Denver, Colo _____ 189 __; telephone 226

letter dated 01/13/1893

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Yours of several days ago rec'd. It does not seem that your invoice can be right as you must have made money last year with all you did. In regard to this consideration I am satisfied that it is a good thing in every way - as I hold all my old trade and Mr. Dresser is able to hold most of his and the whole thing is on a much less expence than the two were run before but we have not been doing business long enough yet to demonstrate it but will within the next 90 days. We were able to make a contract the other day which is worth to us at least \$100 a month as it makes our goods cost us that much less than we were paying before. Wood trade is first rate. Have handled three cars this month so far. Jan 1st [?] invoice is as follows; five teams, ten wagons, stabling, coal and lime sheds, office, office furniture and fixtures including two safes one worth \$75 and the other \$350; set of scales, Wood machinery, \$600 all [?] for handling coal and office stationery &c put in at \$40 a share or \$4200. Cash \$10 a share or \$1050 in all \$5250. Now I hold 60 shares of the 105 but hold them in blocks of fifteen shares each of course I can dictate the whole thing but should expect to let them have one director as against our two and my idea was to make H P Shumway and E.E. Shumway & J C Dresser directors and then the directors could elect officers as follows H P Shumway President, E.E. Shumway V P and Manager and J C Dresser Sec & Tr. At present it takes \$50 a share to handle it but the chances are that in the spring when we get to putting out a good deal of lime we will have to put up \$25 a share more. You may depend upon it that I am here to look to my interests and although Mr. Dresser keeps the books I shall know where all the money goes. Mr. Dresser and I are each to work for \$60 a mo until we demonstrate that we can make the stock pay good dividends and then if trade warms it shall expect more. I have been on my back for the past two weeks most of the time but everything is going along real well, and when I get well enough to get out and bustle I look for a fine trade. Hope I will not get down again.

Now if you think favorable you had best come out here, stay a few days, look the thing over and I know it will pay more than Neb farm lands.

I got money of Mr. Wyatt to put the deal through with to be paid in 30 days or on demand but am satisfied he will have no use for it for the present.

Let me hear from you

Yours truly, E.E. Shumway

Office of Shumway & Co.

Dealers in Coal and Coke

1627 Champa Street, Denver, Colo _____ 189 __; telephone 226

letter dated 03/10/1893

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Yours of 8th rec'd - Was glad to hear from you after so long a time as I had given up expecting a letter after so long a time. I see of course the position you take but you may be sure that I guarded against that to

be in the safe side as I held the whole stock as collateral security. But so far as the old bills of the old Stewart Coal [&] Lime Co are concerned it was an unnecessary precaution as there has never been a single bill of the old company presented to us but of course we had to protect ourselves against all possible claims. Business is very good and at a fair profit, our coal sales was 921 tons for the mo of Feb and we handled in addition to that nine cars of wood. If it had been a long mo. we would have reached 100 tons. That largely went on the books but will be mostly paid within 30 days as we haven't over 300 or \$400 out on accts prior to Feb 1st. My idea never has been to get a piece of coal land and hold onto it as a speculation but to begin here in Denver with a retail trade and keep extending as fast as we can profitably but always at a profit. The lignite mines will of course have to be attended to at first as that is the bulk of the trade in Denver at present- that part can be handled with little additional capital so far as operating a mine is concerned but it would throw us of course into the wholesale trade and that would take more capital and then expand as you might say by a process of absorption. So far as I am concerned I can not take any chances as I have nothing, with a family on my hands to support in an expensive town. Now for the first time I am confident of making a winner of it, to a certain extent at least. Three years ago I came here and all I have to show for the three years is a footing but I am sure of that as long as I made it I do not see why I can not hold it.

Mother came in this morning unexpectedly to us as they had written so many times that she was to start and in father's last letter of four days ago he said she expected to start Thursday or Friday but did not seem to be any way sure of it. She is feeling quite well after the trip.

Love to all, your brother

E.E. Shumway

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Dealers in Coal and Coke

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letter dated 08/30/1893

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro: -

Your letter of a few days ago received and I was very glad to get it but it came entirely as a surprise. You have been so busy for the past three years that I hadent an idea that you had given me and my affairs a thought more than in a general way. I appreciate the motive but trust I will not be compelled to accept either proposition as a last resort, but I can not but be alarmed over the outlook, not that there is any immediate danger. We are in real good shape as yet, all bills paid up and a little money on hand for next months bills but to do this every collection has been made and we absolutely have no reserve against any combination of circumstances that can not be seen and of course can not be provided for - all the profits were more than lost in those three days and now the coal men are in a fight amongst themselves. I do not know where it will end but before it is through there will be less coal men than at present that is sure. I have been here now for 3 ½ years and have brought out the best there is in me and I tell you Herbert for the first time in those years I begin to feel discouraged. Had I tried half as hard during the flood time I would have been independent by this time. Although discouraged I do not think of giving up for of all pitiable things is a man without hope, and the tide must turn soon; if I can only hold my head above water until the time comes. I have been reading medicine some this fall, not with any definite idea but merely as a pastime. For a man 31 years old with habits all formed and mind trained in certain channels it becomes almost an impossibility to take up a profession successfully for one has entirely lost the concentration and application necessary to make it a success. My

whole training for the past 13 years is not only foreign but positively antagonistic to it. In regard to coming back to Neb, I have thought some of that, not exactly as a last resort but as the best thing I could do, I feel in regard to Colorado as I always have felt that it is a great state with unbounded resources as yet undeveloped but in time will become one among the best. The question is, is it policy to stay on here, making a poor living when I should be saving up something against an emergency. So far as living in a great town, with all its advantages it really has no weight with me as the satisfaction of being something of a leader more than offsets it all and so far as my children are concerned all go to show that natural culture and advantages found in a city are more than counteracted by other conditions so that I am of the opinion that a boy brought up on a farm is ahead finally. Remember us to all the folks.

Your brother, E.E. Shumway

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Dealers in Coal and Coke

1627 Champa Street, Denver, Colo _____ 189__; telephone 226

letter dated 09/13/1893

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Herbert,

Yours of the 9th received; I am awfully obliged to you fellows more than you will ever know. I was satisfied that the same objection would come up that has come up so often before. Mr. Everett has no use for me. I do not blame him in any way as I have never given him occasion to form a different opinion- The boys at Lyons have suggested that I come back there and go in with them several different times, and I probably never should have come to Colorado if I had thought it was for their best interest that I do so. I do not see even now how it would be best for me to come back on the same account. Mont knows that I am worth more, much more than that and if it was for the salary I was after \$1000 would be no inducement for me to leave D. as I can do much better than that here in D. If I was satisfied to take a salary. I made plenty of money in Coleridge under no more favorable conditions than Myron has, that was not the trouble. I simply speak it, that is the whole story. Right here, I am afraid that M. is not the man for you, not that he is not perfectly honest and a right good fellow, but he seems to be lacking in the knack of doing a profitable business. I have seen it in a thousand ways and again he does not look after collections as he should, being very careless. I have not said a word to Mont, as I was afraid he might distrust my motives, and I may be in error but it does not seem to me that he does business in a business way and I think that you will have to educate him up a little. If such a thing should be that we should figure or decide to go back to W⁶. it would be on something of this kind of basis as most satisfactory to me; 1st that you and Mont give me an interest in the business so ___ as I had money to put into it; 2nd that all real estate be left as it is now or as you and Mont might agree and that business pay rent so that you get reasonable interest out of it; 3rd that is after all salaries and expenses of all kinds are paid, including interest on the investment, there should be a net profit left. It seems as if that should be divided up without regard to capital invested; but it is hardly worthwhile to go into details at this stage of development so for the present I will keep on reading medicine as I have time of year and see how matters stand by spring. Our business is real good for the time of year but as long as the fight is on we can

⁶Wakefield, NE, where Herbert lived.

not make anything. \$3.25 a ton is just what it costs. So far this month we have had 19 cars of coal and 3 of wood so you see we do some business every day and manage to keep payments up so far . Write as often as you have time as I am always glad to hear from you.

Your brother E.E. Shumway

Office of Shumway & Co.

Dealers in Coal and Coke

1627 Champa Street, Denver, Colo _____ 189__ ; telephone 226

letter dated 09/23/1893

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro;

I shall do nothing for the present. Shall stay here at least until spring and in the meantime if I think it best to make a change will dispose of my stock to the best advantage possible and in time so that I can begin the spring's work there but I hate awfully to leave here . I have done to much hard work in this town to not hate to leave it but at the same time it looks more every day as there is nothing in staying for the present at least. We find it harder evry month to make payments, got through this month by the skin of our teeth, in fact we are not through yet as we still have \$100 to pay Monday and that is all until next month but I really can not see where it is coming from for sure - I have not heard from you in regard to the elk head. I is a fine one if you can spair the money but I can not afford any thing that will but bread and butter.

Yours truly, E.E. Shumway

JOHNSON & SHUMWAY

Loans and Insurance 912 17th Street, P O Box 1371 Denver, Colo; _____ 189__ ;

E M Johnson, E.E. Shumway

letter dated 10/01/1893

to Mary M Shumway from Edmund Shumway

My dear Mother,

I feel that I must write you just a few words to night to let you know that we are still alive and well- I have thought of you so much of late and had expected a letter for the last long time. But I know you think of me even if you do not write and realise that it is an awful task for you while for me it is no task at all, only a pleasure, next I think to getting one from you. You must excuse this old paper, pencil and all as it is the best I can find and Nona is at church with Roy. I went this morning with her but there was no sermon as the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was given; the service is always so impressive but this morning more so than usual. There was but very few out as it was snowing fearfully, so that most of those present were church members and there was no hesitancy or restraint on their part as you so often see. Nona, you know, sings in the choir now so I expect we will all be very good about attending church this winter and you know how well I always liked to hear McIntyre anyway. But I always prefer his morning to his evening sermons for they are more for the church and seem to be the result of so much more study but his evening sermons are a little more after the order of a lecture and are meant for those who come to church only when there is something unusual

offered; but he succeeds in filling the building from the communion rail to the last foot of space by the gallery doors. The church feels so poor that they have had to cut down on expenses awfully. Have done away with their paid organist who got \$1500 a year, their choir leader who got \$1000 and McIntyre voluntarily cut his salary from \$5000 to \$3000. I do not see but the services are just as good and as well attended as before. It is surprising at what an awfull expence these large churches are kept up. It cost between \$17,000 and \$18,000 last year to run Trinity Church. I heard from Herbert very often about a month ago - I got more letters from him than I had before since I had been out here and such kind letters to, so full of brotherly thought and solicitude as to my well-being. No matter what may be in the future I will never forget them nor the motives that prompted them. I have had so much experience on the rough edge of life in late years that they are come as a balm to a sorely aggravated wound. I think that the loss of wealth never effects one so much as the loss of position and influence. Money seems to me is more trancient than position and influence. Do not mistake me, I do not mean popularity but that indefinable something that causes people instinctively to combat if they do not follow- At present I feel that influences are at work over which I have no control. Neither can I comprehend or direct them. Everything is in such a chaos here now that to get a letter from me at any time that I am down flat need not surprise you, for we have lost all our profits already and of course a combination of circumstances might drown us at any time. All I can do is to do my level best and trust for a favorable result. We are doing a good business but on so narrow a margin that we absolutely have nothing on which to make up losses but of course we try to have none. I am afraid you will find this very incomprehensive, possibly wearisome but I shall trust your mother instinct to fill in between the lines so as to comprehend me, as I expect the folks home soon. I will not attempt to rewrite it as I should, knowing what a time you used to have with my letters. If you find it to trying get Viola. I think she really takes pleasure in trying to decipher my hieroglyphics. I know if I should try to read it over before sending it it would go into the stove. Give my best love to all and tell them that I will forget the post if they will humbly promise to write oftener in the future.

Your ever loving son, Edmund

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letter dated 11/21/1893

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway

Dear Bro;

I am afraid we all owe Roy something of an apology, I in particular as I am afraid I carried the idea to Lorin that Roy was worse than he is; at least Lorin took fire, came to D. which I wanted him to do, and you know the result. Now the facts are Roy got somewhat homesick and got to gambling a few times and lost some money but I think he is truly repentant for his momentary folly and is fully resolved to quit. I did not think it serious enough to say anything to anyone but wrote it to Lorin thinking that if he could be here it would be a benefit to them both. I feel this explanation necessary as I think I know Roy, and have the fullest confidence in him and would without hesitancy trust him in every way. To my knowledge he never drinks and I feel that Roy will develop into a fine man. Of course, he has faults, being petted all his life with plenty of money to spend, it is to be expected. If he had to rough it a little as we did it would be a good thing for him, but I think age and responsibility will help him greatly.

To change the subject, we are having a great time to get the pup to eat. He eats nothing but drinks milk and is getting poorer all the time. What do you feed them? Also send his pedigree. Father came in very unexpectedly this morning and is going home tomorrow. He is a funny man sure. He will tell all the news-
Your brother,

E.E. Shumway

ROCKY MOUNTAIN FUEL CO

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J Mitchell, President
J C Dresser, Sec'y and Tres.
E E Shumway, Gen'l Manager

Denver, Colorado _____ 189__

letter dated 4/16/1898

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from Edmund E Shumway

Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 13th received and I note with much pleasure what you say in regard to taking a mountain trip this season. I feel as you do, that I could hardly be satisfied to let the season go without doing some hunting; but am hardly in favor of dragging the girls into the mountains again.

In regard to Jackson's Hole, I do not know much about it, but I do know that over in the White River country it is no trouble to shoot all the game we can handle, and find pretty good fishing as well. It is convenient and not expensive, and I am satisfied I can get special rates.

I am thinking now very strongly of breaking up house-keeping for the summer, letting the children go back to Nebraska immediately after school closes the first of June; and then either pack up, store the goods for the summer and board myself, or rent the house furnished to some good parties; then in time for school in the fall I will rent in a location more desirable and be ready to put the children into school. This will give me the summer on my hands and it may be somewhat lonely, but there are a great many things to be attended to so that I will be away more or less of the time.

I rather expect to get back to the Exposition for a little while and may take a notion to go to Minneapolis and Portland Prairie, yet hardly think so.

I have the Overland property back, as the parties with whom we made the trade for the interest in the Triumph Lode let down on the whole thing; would not pay interest, taxes or anything else, so in order to protect my interest in the Triumph Lode it became necessary to protect Mitchells' mortgage on the Overland property. His mortgage is for Fifty-Six hundred (\$5600); one half payable next July, and one half payable a year from July.

This is the mortgage for the amount that was paid the government as purchase price, and covers 240 acres. There is another 80 in the tract, but it has not been proved up on. I have the property personally, subject to the mortgage. As yet, have made no arrangements for carrying it.

Would you and Mont care to go in with me in the proposition; furnish the money as necessary to pay off Mitchell's mortgage and divide up with me in the profits that there may be. I am satisfied that it can be handled with profit; so much so that I shall not let the property go under any circumstance.

The property is just as good as when we originally went into it, and just as good as when Mitchell gave

Six Thousand to get a fourth interest in it.

Kindly take this up with Mont and let me know as soon as possible. As the time between now and July is so short, I will have to be making some arrangements in regard to the payments on this property.

Very truly yours,

E.E. Shumway

Since getting the property I have put about \$40 into it in paying up taxes and interest. E

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letter dated 5/31/1898

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from Edmund E Shumway

My Dear Brother:

Your favor of the 28th received.

Roy will go back this week to begin work for you the first of next week.

I am heartily glad that you intend to give yourself a little rest as you certainly need it. As I came to see more of you last summer during our mountain trip, I realize as I had not before the need you have of rest, and I do certainly hope that Roy will prove himself so capable and trustworthy that you will be able to give yourself a little more rest. My idea in letting him go to the mine is that he might have a little experience working for others beside his father and brothers; and it seems to be necessary before he will appreciate a good thing when he has it. On the whole, I feel very hopeful over the result of his going back.

Instead of feeling offended over the liberty you took in making the arrangements without consulting me, I appreciate your kindness in absolving me from all responsibility in the matter

With love to all the folks, I remain

Your brother, Edmund

Hotel Jerome

The Jerome Hotel Co; EP Champlin, Manager - Aspen, Colo.

letter dated 7/8/1898

to H.P. Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund E Shumway

Dear Bro

As I have had my supper and it is still an hour to train time, I will put in the time writing to you as I

believe I owe you one or two letters. Aspin is the prettyest mining town in the state, being nicely located on a perfectly level park, surrounded by mountain peaks which rise abruptly 2000 ft. The streets nicely kept and the buildings for the most part substantially built but it is awfully dead now on account of the low price of silver. It is an exclusive silver producing camp and has the best silver mines in the world without doubt. But I did not start to write you a letter describing scenery as I have other things to write about. I am out on a trip in the interest of the Overland property now being worked in a small way by lessees who put the coal on the cars for me at \$1.25 per ton and as I sell it for \$1.50 to \$1.75 per ton it pays quite well enough to pay taxes and interest so that I can keep going until I get a chance to sell. I am sorry that I so frightened you and Mont with the proposition of going in with me that you could not even answer it. But I do not blame you any, you probably feel that you put enough into Colo. as I have about \$1000 in on the new deal and need the money I will do something with a half interest so as to help me out. The showing of the Rocky Mountain Co was very good for last year but not so good as I feel sure we can do next year. I still am perfectly satisfied to stay in Colo. and hope yet to do something more than make a living. It certainly rejoices my heart to have you write that you are so much better nervously. I do not feel the least effect of age yet and hope to put in the next ten years with the greatest results of any in my life. Did you ever write to that lady in Dak. who you recommended so highly to me as a house keeper and learn if she would come to Denver for a year or possibly more and as to what her terms would be. I had thought of being married this summer but do not think I shall now and if it is put off now it may be for some time. I do not know of any one here who I would be willing to come in as housekeeper. Is she well and strong is she a Christian? I feel the children will be much better off under the influence of a constant Christian. Kindly write her and let me hear from you. I have arranged for a mountain trip this fall over into the White River Country. A fellow is to be at New Castle whenever we say after the first of Sept, he to furnish the team and we to pay the expenses, to be gone as long as we want to. Tell Mont to brace up, come along with us and see how good a time he can have off on a stag party. If he wants to he might send Eva down to Grand Junction and stay while we are gone. I will be able to get good rail road rates. I expect to be back about the middle of Aug. after the children and will put in a day or two at the Exposition if any of you folks will be there so that I will be alone. I will probably be back for a week or ten days if I can get away that long. I go to the Mine tonight and intend going down to Grand Junction Sunday with Amy (?) - will be back to Denver at 9:30 Monday AM. How is Roy doing? If Ralph comes up to make you a visit see that he obeys and also have him do anything there is that he can do.

Your brother
Edmund

Klein Hotel

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Special Attention to Transients; Good Meals, Comfortable Rooms

letter dated Walsenburg 5/5/1902
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund E Shumway

Dear Herbert,

I was awfully disappointed to not be able to go with you to Minneapolis and down on old Portland⁷ but

⁷ Portland Prairie, Houston Co., MN where the brothers were born and grew up.

I saw that Emma was going to be so uneasy that she would not get any pleasure out of it and I felt that I should be at home anyway. It is well that I did come home. The boys were doing the best they could but they are not so closely in touch with conditions and lack judgement through lack of experience. While we have so much in hand I shall not try to get away again. It is taking too many chances. I go home tonight to be at Ralph's graduation and then I expect to spend the next week here and at Trinidad. The following week will be spent at Glenwood as we have a great deal of work to be done there. One rich cross cut that we want to drive of about 100 feet will cost us at least \$5000 but it will give us a lower level to the Mine in which we should be able to take out about 30,000 tons of coal. So it goes. We are making money but we put it right back in the ground again. But as long as it is judiciously used and makes our property much _____ than that much more valuable I guess it is all right. Then on the 23rd of this month the Pocahontas mine, a property adjoining our Midland Mine, is to be sold under execution. We shall bid on it and will go as high as \$25,000 if necessary but will not care to go much over that. From this you can get some idea of what work is at present. These are only a few of many matters which I am carrying on my mind at present and as I do not make a move without due deliberation it is no light matter but as I am not getting one bit nervous and am feeling splendidly. I see no reason why I should not be able to carry it through to a satisfactory finish. I can not feel but regret when I think how easy it would have been for this all to have been in the family if I could have succeeded in getting them to put in a little money a few years ago. But it is probably just as well as I may go to pieces some day and will want to rent one of your Nebraska farms. All I have to bank on is my good health clear mind and steady nerve. Well, H.P. I did not start out to write but a few lines but I found that my train was late I have just kept on writing. As I go through Pueblo I shall stop off between trains to flirt a bit with the owners of a very desirable coal tract which is in this district of 1920 acres but as they want \$70 per acre for the tract it will be the most reckless flirting on my part, all I could hope to do would be to be able to tie it up for a term of years under a lease and option. I hear the train and must close. Your brother, E.E. Shumway

Hotel Corinado

S Thomason, Prop. Trinidad, Colo;

New and Modern; Good Sample Rooms; Suits with Bath; Steam Heat

letter dated 12/17/1902

to Jeremiah Shumway, Lyons, NE from E.E. Shumway

Dear Father,

Your favor of the 3rd was rec'd- I was very glad to hear from you and to get so frank an expression as to the way you looked upon my work which I had foolishly thought it my duty to do. I do not think it necessary to go into the insane asylum or move either to get out of the work, simply to quit. So I have quit. Election of officers is tonight. A new Supt will go into office on Jan 1st.

Your showing for last year was certainly splendid. The beauty of that is that it is not necessary to put it all back in Expenses such as high rent &c. That is the trouble of the retail business in the City- I hope within the next five years to be in view to get in pretty comfortable shape myself.

Tell Charley that Gould's representative is after that tract of \$2.50 land that I wanted to get him in on. He intimated that he would give 20 for it but nothing like that amount would be attractive to us at all as we think it worth many times that to open up.

I am very anxious to see you and we are all counting on your long promised visit. I go home tonight.

Your son, Edmund

Lyons Dec 19 1902

Herbert

I do not see how I can help you any we are owing more to the Farmers bank then we ever did before. Loran an us owe in the thousands ___ you will send down [several lines illegible] to use up any thing that belongs to the other children hep all the notes of Lorans.

There is a report here Mont is on the [illegible] any thing about it let me know and oblige
Father

letter dated 12/18/1902

to Herbert P Shumway Esq. Wakefield Neb; from Emma Shumway⁸

My Dear Herbert

Edmund Spoke sometime ago of having received a letter from you in which you mentioned sending him a masonic charm. I have just bought him a solid gold chain for Christmas and I thought if you had the charm and would forward it to me, together we could make him a very complete present which I know he will greatly appreciate.

We are all well and busy as can be at paper routes, school, music, business and housework. Ralph is at home now and not at work. He may commence school the first of the year. Emma is enjoying her California trip. I trust it will do her good. Edmund is busy as can be and away from home so much, and that is the only objection I have to offer up to date.

I have written quite a letter for the first one, with proper encouragement I might do better next time.

Love to Nellie and the children. Kindly let me hear from you.

Cordially yours Emma H Shumway 3236 Gray St

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H E Stewart, Sec'y and Treas

letter dated Denver, CO 12/27/1902

⁸ Emma Coberly, his second wife. She was a widow when they married; she married third, in 1935, Fremont Everett.

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Brother

The Masonic charm sent me on the 20th got in through the mail yesterday. It was a day late but none the less gladly received. I had begun to worry a little, fearing that in the jam of Christmas mail the package might have been lost, particularly as it was sent by registered mail, in place of being sent by express. I depend upon express so wholly, that I do not have much confidence in registering a package, especially one so valuable as this is. To say that I am perfectly delighted is putting it very mildly. Take the charm and the chain which Emma gave me, just fixes me out in fine shape. Of course I am putting on a great many airs now, and find it convenient to wear my coat unbuttoned most of the time.

I got a letter from Freemont saying that he and Eva expect to spend the winter with us. This I am sure is a fine arrangement, as it will be of great advantage to both Eva and Clara.

With much love to all, I am

Sincerely your brother,

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver, CO 4/21/1903

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Bro.

Your favor relative to bells for new church also enclosing letter from our old friend HVA⁹ is rec'd. I read same with much interest. In regard to joining in with you and putting in chimes. I like the idea and would be glad to go in with you but I hardly feel that I can just now. I have already paid out this year between 600 and 700 dollars for churches and to tell the truth I am getting in so deep that I hardly know where I am at. Really I have hardly had time to think. Last week we closed up a deal for 600 acres in Routt Co on line of new rail road which will take \$70,000 in cash within the next 90 days while today I am trying to close a deal for property in the Canon City District for \$75,000, \$3500 of which will have to be paid within the next 60 days.

This is in addition to our regular business - opening up new mines &c so you can see where I am at. While I do not think I have made a mistake still I may be hunting a job within a year or I may be well up in financial circles. If all goes well the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co will become a factor in Colo.

Couldn't you let the bell question rest for the present. If the good people of Lyons had to get along a

⁹ This may have been H.V. Arnold of Portland Prairie who went to South Dakota.

year without a bell it would not be anything very serious, while judging from your letter a year may make quite a difference to yourself as well as me.

Your brother
E.E. Shumway

The Strathmore,
Canon City, Col; J A Armor, Mgr

letter dated 4/24/1903 Canon City Colorado
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E E Shumway

Dear Bro,

As I have a few minutes before going to the train I will write you to let you know that the deals I was working on the other day when I wrote you went through all right and I am down there now to close the deal up. I have been examining the records today and find everything all right. I go to Florence tonight and will close the matter up to - morrow. I bring down a DR for \$15,000 as first payment. It is a \$75,000 deal in all - the biggest one I ever made so far and I believe the best one. It includes a good coal mine, several pumping oil wells, 200 acres coal land, 600 acres oil land. The royalties alone last month were \$821. In settlement Senator Teller gets \$25,000 in Rocky Mtn Stock as part payment. It is going to be a great help to have Senator Teller a stockholder. I feel pretty good over the financial outlook for the company. I do not see any way we can miss it very much now. I feel very jubilant.

I inclose a letter from Ralph which I got a few days ago. It will give you an idea of what he is doing. He is at Trinidad helping open up a mine which we have there. The coal is all contracted to the C F & I Co [?] at a very satisfactory price. You may think me wild but after we once get opened up with a good output we will make \$400 a mo or \$50,000 a year out of the contract. It has taken time but things are coming my way at last - and coming with a vengeance

Your brother,
E.E. Shumway

letter dated Trinidad, April 22 1903
to Edmund Shumway from Ralph Shumway

Dear Father,

It looks very much to me as if I must write two letters in order to receive one from home, so this is the second.

Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday I was surveying with Kock: we had a great time, putting stakes all over the mountains; running lines up and down hills, cutting down trees and shrubs in line and walking everywhere. Sunday night I went to church and League. The league room was very small and crowded, so most of the time I stood up. The leader was a young lady, and she was awful scared, so I had a very good time watching her and looking at the people who were a pretty good looking crowd on the whole. After League the pastor and League Pres. came and shook hands and inquired my name; the pastor asked right away if I was any relation to you, and when I told him he shook hands again, said he was going to write for my church and League letter, introduced me to every person in the room, as far as I could see, and then made me go in the choir. The choir is a pretty good one, and they have an orchestra in the evening. I liked the pastor very much; and his sermon

I liked the best of any I ever heard, so I am sure I am going to get along very well here.

Things are doing very well at the mine at present. The blacksmith is done, including forge, anvil and bench. The office is roofed and sided and has doors, windows and floor in. The entries are getting along well. Mr. Otis says, the air course is a little ahead; they are under cover. The last shot tonight got funny, and sent some rocks thro the top of the blacksmith shop; one big one, as big as a large watermelon went fifty feet in the air, and lit about twenty feet the other side of the shop, so I don't think the shop is in a very safe place, for the present.

I am getting along all right with the men apparently, they seem to be pretty nice fellows. They got me to strike for them, a couple of holes; I suppose they thought I would back out, but I didn't and I guess they think I amount to a little more now.

I guess when the office is finished I will have to move out, because I can't get my breakfast early enough to get out there at 6:30. The wind blows all the time any way, and I have to face it going out and coming back. So this morning I rode up the rail-road track, because I don't have any hills to walk up against the wind. I was all right until I got to a 400" bridge; I was undecided as to what I should do, but I finally started to cross, with my wheel on my shoulder; it was pretty dizzy but everything went fine until I got to the middle then all of a sudden I heard a whistle behind me around a short curve. I looked around and then started to run; but you can't run on a bridge carrying a wheel so I knew I couldn't get across in time. The whistle seemed right on me, so I went out on one of the supports, crawled under on some trestle work and brought the wheel along by a strap belonging to my telescope. The whistle shrieked right in my ear and I pretty near fell off for I wasn't secure; then the train roared by - on another track below in the gulch. Well I never felt so foolish in my life even if I was scared; the engineer and fireman looked up and just laughed and hollered when they saw where I was. But I got out of there pretty quick and went on; I'll never cross that bridge again carrying a bicycle.

Your affectionate son,

Ralph

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letter dated Denver, CO 5/28/1903

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Herbert

I am not going to be able to get away to spend Decoration Day in Lyons but may be able to get home next week. Clara leaves for home 4:15 PM.

I have refered letter from Atty. Rendley[?] Myron - I notice that the Chiapas Construction Co has a very strong personell but that Fremont Everett the one who is held most responsible is recognized as the lowest official of all - assistant general manager. It is none of my business if Fremont is satisfied but it is fortunate that your company has not some people to deal with. How true it is that if one will allow themselves

to be used as a door mat that people will use them to wipe their feet upon. I certainly think that your scheme is assured but to me at this distance it seems that this is due more to the efforts of Fremont than to any one else. Certainly he has done more of the hard work and only for him I doubt if any of the Wakefield parties could have been interested. I know you will say "Edmund had better mind his own business." But to me Mont is a fellow who is going through the world but half appreciated even by those who know him best. Isn't this so?

Sincerely Your brother, Edmund

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letter dated Denver, CO 6/16/1903
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Brother

Please find enclose certificate No 164 for one hundred shares capital stock of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company in favor of J O Milligan¹⁰. This, I believe, is in accordance with our understanding. I have written Mr. Milligan to that effect.

You remember I told you that we expected to place quite a block of stock with Omaha parties. Mr. Creighton was ready for us and gave me his check for \$25,000 in payment of two hundred fifty shares. This, I think, will start us. I anticipate no serious trouble in placing \$100,000 with the Omaha parties that I mentioned to you within the next thirty days.

I enclosed Mr. Milligan a statement of the resources and liabilities of our company dated March 31st. This is the last statement that we have gotten out. At the close of the year, which will be the last of this month, we will get out our annual statement.

If it is convenient for Mr. Milligan to take up the certificate before the first of July, we would like it very much-- so it would appear on our annual statement. I think our statement looks pretty well. I also sent him a statement of the earnings of our two old properties, the LaBelle and the Midland.

If I could arrange to handle you note on six months time for five or ten thousand dollars worth of our stock, would you care to handle it? If you care to handle it in that way, the stock would be attached to the note as a collateral security.

I have become thoroughly in earnest in wanting to place some of this stock with my friends, as I feel the greatest confidence in its intrinsic value as an investment.

Very truly, your brother

E E Shumway

¹⁰ This Mr. Milligan was involved in the Chiapas Railroad scheme also; and was also from Wakefield, Neb.

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H E Stewart, Sec'y and Treas

letter dated Denver, CO 6/20/1903

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 18th received, and I note what you say in regard to stock. I am a little disappointed that you do not feel it safe to venture at this time, but it is all right, and I would not advise you against your judgement.

You might see Mr. Milligan at your convenience and have a talk with him in regard to the situation. I have written him quite fully as to our company, but can write him still more fully if it would not be overdoing it. Please advise me as to your judgement as to the proper course to pursue. You speak of wanting the names of the hair tonics I have been using; I mention to you "Barker's hirsutus" at one dollar a bottle as the most satisfactory I have ever used, although "Pinaut Quine" hair tonic at fifty cents and a dollar a bottle has given very excellent results. Either one I feel sure you will be satisfied with.

Very truly

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver, CO 9/4/1903

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Brother,

Your favor of the 2nd received containing drafts from JO Milligan for \$5000 as per your statement, for which please accept out thanks. I think that the stock had already been issued and was left with you to turn over to Mr. Milligan as soon as this payment was made.

I am very glad that Mr. Milligan has got in with us, as I feel perfectly sure his investment is safe, and I certainly hope will prove a profitable one. You can assure Mr. Milligan that I will treat his stock the same as I do my own, and that at any time I shall make a price on my stock it would also include his, if he wishes me to do so. There are quite a number of different holdings in the company which are being held in the same way. But I anticipate no change, at least for the present.

I am glad that you made the deal for one of your farms. I wish you might succeed in getting rid of a few

more of them, and put the money into "Rocky Mountain" stock.

Sincerely yours, E E Shumway.

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letter dated Denver, CO 11/4/1903
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Herbert

Have you, any of you, any way of raising some money? The Rocky Mtn Fuel Co decided this afternoon that it was loaded up too heavily with Routt Co land so decided to unload one of its tracts known as the Yellow Jacket tract. There is 5 quarter sections in this tract which we will sell for \$15 an acre or \$12,000 for the whole tract. I know this to be good coal land as I have personally examined it all- What I would like to do is this- to go in with some party or parties who would advance all the money then let me have a part any where up to one half, taking my note for the amount due in or before three years @ 6%. As security I would put up my interest in the tract also an equal amount of R.M stock. I know it is a good buy. The reason that the company is going to sell this is that outside this we now have over 5000 acres in the Toponas tract so that we are well fixed any way; Then we are temporarily in need of money as the flurry[?] east and the general strike in Colorado has made our Omaha subscribers timid so that they are not taking stock for which have subscribed. Rather than borrow and give a mortgage on any of our properties we decided to intrench and unload this tract.

This may not interest you or your friends but it does me and I would like to be in on the deal if I could.

Let me hear from you- in haste

your brother, E E Shumway

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letter dated Denver, CO 1/27/1904
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield NE from E E Shumway

Dear Herbert

Your favor of 26th from McFarland Kas. is received; I am very glad to know that you are home again. I rather expected that you would come home by way of Denver. Your trip was certainly an experience- I am sure that your appetite must have been good and your imagination vivid if you really thought you liked the tortas [sic].

In regard to the suggestion of going down to old Mexico as general manager I think that you should not think of it only as a last resort. The salary that you would get out of it would be no consideration for you to bury your wife and family in that hole just at this time when they should have all the advantages of civilization. In regard to salary- I should say this speaking broadly- you either have a proposition that will pay you to get the best man that you can get and put him in charge at any salary he may ask or close up your deal and quit. The methods of running a rail road on methods used in a country bank will never work. I am sure that you will agree with me in this, that the road up to date has probably cost you at least twice as much as it would have cost if in the beginning you had put a thoroughly competent man in charge and then had kept your hands off, holding him [responsible?] for results. If I had have been in Fremont's place I never would have staid there thirty days and tried to put shape into that sort of chaos. But this is not what you asked me about so I will make no charge for advise. You can not hope to get a good man who is competent to manage that gigantic, most difficult enterprise for a salary of less that \$10,000. This may seem big to you but good men are mighty scarce and another thing- good men are not at all anxious to go to old Mexico. They don't have to.

Today is my birthday- forty two years old. I had said today that I was good for twenty years yet, if you are good for twenty years I will raise my bid five.

Give my regards to all

Sincerely, E.E. Shumway

The Strathmore

Canon City, Col; J A Armor, Mgr

letter dated 5/3/1904 Canon City Colorado
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E E Shumway

Dear Herbert,

Your short letter of a few days ago received. I was very glad to get it and to learn of the very excellent chance you have to dispose of the PARR [Pan American Rail Road]. I most sincerely hope that it may go through. I for one would breath much easier; not that the deal is not all right but it is so big an undertaking. If you should close it out I am sure that I have something that will interest you. If you should close out the deal it seems to me that you should arrange to get out of Wakefield- it is too small a place for you.

Our mines are getting to work again very nicely. This one here at Canon City is the last one to open up but I hope to get this opened by the 15th. Mitchell has met his Waterloo here in Colorado. I have spent the day with Mr. Kebbles president of the C.T. & I. Co looking over the district. It looks very encouraging.

You are something of a bear hunter so I will tell you a bear story. Yesterday there was a bear - a silver tipped grizzly - brought into this town which was killed Sat. up on the South Park cattle range. He has been living off [?] the cattle of the region for the last ten years. He was certainly a fine specimen, just out of winter quarters - poor as could be and weighed, hog dressed, 775#. It took a pack of hounds and seven shots from

a 30/40 Winchester to finish him. The first six shots did not seem to phaze him but the last shot squarely between the eyes did the job. He certainly was a magnificent specimen, 18" between the ears. He was as large as a big steer and a big one at that.

Mrs. Winchell spent last Thursday with us on her way to the General P___ [?]. She is looking well and as delightfully pleasant as ever. She wanted to be remembered to you. I go out soon for home. Get home sometime tonight. Shall go up to the Academy and see Winnie a few minutes before I go. I spent last evening with her. She is doing just real well. Studies hard and seems to be contented. She has now had the honor card for highest average standing for three months in succession with an average of 98, 97 & 98. Good standing isn't it and when in addition to the regular school work she takes vocal and instrumental music, painting and art needlework it makes her standing very unusual.

Regards to all

Your brother, E E Shumway

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letter dated Walsenburg 12/22/1904

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from Edmund E Shumway

Dear Herbert,

Your two letters of recent date rec'd. Before receiving your first one I had discovered the blunder and had corrected it so far as I could. I don't for a minute want you to think that that is my way of doing business or rather of not doing business but it came from depending on others. On account of the coal strike a year ago I have been trying to do the work of a general superintendent as well as general manager; that with my trip to St Louis put my work away behind. I think that the fact that the Rocky is where it is today is pretty good evidence that the business management is not as lax as this circumstance would indicate.

I had a talk with Mont when here regarding a plan for you folks to go into a pool to buy up a controlling interest in the Rocky. I have just written him fully in regard to this same matter outlining my plan. I think it will interest you.

I stay here today and will go to Canon City tonight. Then if I can get through there tomorrow I will go home with Nona and Winnie tomorrow night. The girls as well as Roy will go home for Christmas. Roy is at work at the Canon City mine. Carvel [?] is at the Denver mine and Ralph is at the School of Mines. It is most six so I will order my team hitched up and go into breakfast.

Your brother,

E.E. Shumway (over)

Love and Xmas greetings to Ruth the boys and Nellie.

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H.E. Stewart, Sec'y and Treas

letter dated Denver, Colo 1/31/1905

to H.P. Shumway, Wakefield, Neb. from E.E. Shumway

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Jan 29th received, in which you say you are to take a trip into Washington and Oregon and will arrange to stop off in Denver from Sunday morning until Wednesday, spending Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with us. I will certainly be at home. As I do not know the train that you will be in on Sunday morning and as the trains get in very early, I do know that I will be at the depot to meet you, but we will have breakfast ready for you at 2211 South Josephine St, University Park. You take the Colfax car at the depot and get a transfer to the University Park car. As soon as your train comes in I wish you would telephone us. Tell Fremont that if he can possibly arrange his work so that he can come I am very anxious to have him come through with you, so that we can spend the time that you are here in Denver all together, talking these matters over. Could you not arrange to get your ticket over the D & RG with stop over privileges, meeting your parties in Ogden or Salt Lake in place of meeting them at Cheyenne? We could then take in several of our mines, ending up at Glenwood Spgs, where I would leave you, but as a matter of fact the Midland Mine, above Glenwood Springs, I am not so particular for you to see as it is very similar to the Overland Mine which you once visited, if you remember. We shall look for you Sunday morning.

Very truly yours,

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver, Colo 2/2/1905

to H.P. Shumway, Wakefield, Neb. from E.E. Shumway

Dear Brother,

Your favor of the 31st ult. received this AM. I am very much disappointed to hear that you will not be here Sunday. Dont you think you could get away for a week, come out here and look the situation over carefully, even if you do not have to go on west. I believe it is worth your while; then by having you and Fremont on the ground at the same time and go over the whole situation carefully, it would give you a good idea as a basis.

I will try to send you additional copies of The Post containing the articles to which I referred.

Yours very truly
E.E. Shumway
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letter dated Denver 6/21/1905
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr. from E.E. Shumway

Dear Brother

Please find enclosed NY draft for 833.33, which I send you as per our arrangement. If you find it is too late to be used as proposed, kindly return to me and oblige.

I have been out of town so much and have been so busy since I came back that I have overlooked this matter before. I go out of town tonight to be gone until Saturday. I had a fine trip to Minnesota and I not only enjoyed it real well, but came back feeling much better for having taken it.

Very truly yours, E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver 6/28/1905
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from E.E. Shumway

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 26th received, in which you acknowledge receipt of draft. In regard to prospective trip to Portland. I am sure it would be utterly impossible for me to think of getting away as early as the middle of July, as I have work here that will not permit me getting away at that time. Another thing, is that then would be the most uncomfortable season of the year in which to make the trip, as it would be hot and dusty. I should suppose if the trip could be made in August from the middle toward the last, that it could be made much more comfortably. Denver is a mighty nice place to be in at that time of the year. Could not Evelyn arrange to come out here about the middle of August and stay until the Portland trip was made?

Very sincerely yours,
E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver 9/19/1905
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr. from E.E. Shumway

Dear Herbert

I know you will be curious to know how the Parnall stock deal came out. It was closed in this way. Mr. Parnall gave back to Cummins one half of the stock that he purchased and took in its place \$15,000 in treasury stock at par - then Cummins took the other \$10,000 treasury stock at par, so the deal was closed in that way - all parties at interest [?] satisfied.

Sincerely, E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver 9/23/1905
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from E.E. Shumway

Dear Herbert

Just wrote Mont in regard to joining forces with our company. I do not want to interfere in any way with your lumber deal but my idea would be this; for you and Mont both to come to Denver, Mont go in with us, you the management of the Lumber Co and divide your time between that and other local interests which we would acquire on the side such as oil well leases &c. While this does not come as a direct proposition to Mont, it has been fully discussed in the office and I am confident that it will go through all right if agreeable to Mont.

I do not think that I had better put any more money in the lumber deal at this time. Dfr [draft?] received for \$80 as stated for which please accept thanks.

Love to all
Edmund

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letter dated Denver 9/30/1905
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from E.E. Shumway

My dear Brother

Your favor of the 27th I find awaiting me upon my return from the Coal fields this morning. I am well pleased with the organization but am sorry for this reason- that it takes Mont away from us. What has been decided, if anything, in regard to taking hold of the Oil Well proposition. The party Smith, of whom I spoke as having an outfit and a well now down 2000 ft, is very anxious to get to work. I can not hold him off much longer.

I go to Routt Co. tonight to be gone four or five days. What are you plans?

Sincerely your bro,
E.E. Shumway

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letter dated Denver 2/21/1906
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from E.E. Shumway

Dear Brother

I herewith enclose you a menu card of a banquet, given by the Operators to the Retail Coal Men's Association, which was organized in Denver last week. I send it to you, thinking that you might be interested. We had a good time and everything passed off nicely.

Our busy season, I presume, is about over, and the demand for coal cannot keep up very much longer; in fact there is quite a falling off of the demand already. We are putting our men on the road, looking for storage business. It may seem a little previous, but the facts are April and May are our quietest months, and it is going to keep us pretty busy, if we keep our mines running these months. After that, it is not a question of getting business but a question of getting cars and filling orders.

What results were you able to get from the coal which we shipped you this winter. During the season, I presume we put 100 cars into north-eastern Nebraska. Do you think the results obtained from the sale of this coal, will justify us in trying to push it, as against Rock Springs. I understand there has been a delivered price on Rock Springs put into effect, less than the old price. I know the delivered price which the Rock Springs people are now making for Lincoln, Nebraska shipments, is \$5.90.

[rest of letter lost]

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letter dated Denver 3/02/1906
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield, Nebr from E.E. Shumway

Dear Herbert,

I inclose you a letter which will explain itself. For your information I wish to give you some particulars. I do not care to go into the merits or demerits of the Case - Miss Weaver wrote me some days ago a long letter stating many facts as she said in which I was not particularly interested - but inclosing a bill against J H for

\$113 which she claims she owes him. He has his side of the case of course but upon my request he made her this proposition to pay her \$50 now and for which she was to give him her receipt in full and then later as soon as he could spar the money he, J H, would pay her \$50. The letter inclosed was in reply to this offer.

I do not think that this is an affair that you care to mix up in and I certainly will not attempt to go farther with it. So far as I am concerned.

Sincerely your brother

Edmund

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letter dated 5/26/1906

to Herbert Shumway c/o Drexel Hotel, Omaha from E.E. Shumway, Denver

Dear Brother

Your favor of the 25th received, and I read contents with some uncertainty. You state that you will be in Omaha from 11:20 to 2 PM, and that you will leve at 6:20 PM for Emerson.

I notice from your letter that you wrote from Omaha. As you failed to state the day I am entirely at sea as to exact meaning.

My plans are to leave here June 1st and will reach Omaha early June 2nd, Saturday morning. I will go directly to the Paxton and will register. Will be there from Saturday morning until Sunday morning with Emma and her mother.

If you can arrange to meet me in Omaha it would be a great pleasure as I should be glad to see you. If I do not see you and stop at Philadelphia I shall certainly make it a point to stop to see A A Shumway, as you suggest, and will try to carry out your suggestions.

I send copy of this to Wakefield, not knowing whether you will be at Omaha or Wakefield.

Lovingly your brother

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 8/24/1906
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway, Denver

My dear Herbert

I inclose you herewith letter from AA Shumway which was given me to take with me on my Eastern trip. I had a letter from AA Shumway since getting home, in which he asked for some additional data relative to our family. He states that he now has time and is going to follow up his genealogy. I sent it to Viola asking her to send him the information. If you and she will find it out and send it to me I will send it on to him, together with my family records.

Business is very fair - better than last year at this time. There is some work to be done at some of the mines before they are in the best of producing condition, but we are producing considerably more tonnage that we were a year ago. We are looking forward to a satisfactory year.

I learned from Fremont that he expects to reach Nebraska next week. Jessie leaves tomorrow for home. Emma will reach home next Friday, having been gone just three months. It has been a great trip for her and she has enjoyed it.

Sincerely yours,
E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 9/07/1906
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway, Denver

Dear brother,

Please find enclosed two letters to Mrs Haskell¹¹, which were sent me for my information. I think I understand this matter very fully now. Mrs Brown was in the office a few days ago and talked very freely. I certainly appreciate the confidence of the Wakefield friends in sending me this correspondence. I am

¹¹ The Haskells were close friends and neighbors (in Wakefield) of Herbert Shumway and family; also Mr. Haskell was somehow involved in the Mexican Railway business. He was an important banker.

much interested in Mrs Brown's welfare and will gladly do all I can to assist her. I have my reasons for not seeing her before. As I have heard nothing from Mr. Brown since he left on his vacation, I presume that he has no intention of returning. I have a letter from Miss Weaver along the same lines as to old matters which surprised me very greatly.

I am sending Mr. Milligan copies of the President's report and also of the Auditor's report for last year, which I am sure will be of interest to the stockholders in Wakefield.

I think these statements, together with a letter which I am writing to Mr. Milligan, will explain the situation very fully. I wish you would go over the matter with Mr. Milligan and also with Mr. Haskell. I naturally am very anxious in getting as much as possible of this stock issue placed with friends. I believe in the stock absolutely and unhesitatingly prophesy in the coming year the best year we have ever had. I do not think that it is my nature to deceive myself. While the company has had some jolts, it is, I presume, no more than can be expected in a large business the size of ours. Although our experience should teach us something, we should profit by it to the extent of not having anything of that kind occur again. If you think it would be well for me to make a personal visit to Wakefield to talk the matter over in detail with Mr. Milligan and Mr. Haskell, I wish you would let me know and I will come on as soon as I can arrange to do so.

Sincerely your brother
E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 9/13/1906
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway, Denver

My dear brother,

Your favor of the 7th received in which you referred us to the Brown Coal Co of Souix City. For you information I herewith enclose you a copy of my reply to them, which will explain itself.

I have not heard from you in regard to the stock proposition in Wakefield. Have you had time to see Mr. Haskell or Mr. Milligan? I hope that if anything can be done that the matter will be taken up as soon as possible as the stock is being subscribed very freely. I got a telegram a day or two ago from of our Omaha subscribers, increasing his holdings from 300 shares to 500 shares. You see with subscriptions of that kind it does not take long to clean up the whole stock issue.

Very truly yours, E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 2/14/1907
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway, Denver

My dear Herbert

Your favor of Feb 11th received in which you say you have sold your lumber business in Wakefield, also your residence. I should imagine, as you say, you are going to feel mighty like a fish out of water.

I presume before you determine upon your next movement you will have time to look the several fields over. We shall expect to see you here in Denver. Before making a trip to Denver, kindly notify me, so that I may be in town.

Sincerely yours,
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letter dated 3/19/1907
to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway, Denver

My dear Brother,

Some time ago I wrote you in regard to possibilities of Colorado. There are several matters which are now pending, in which I think you would be interested. One of them is a thousand acres of coal land, lying just below Glenwood Springs. This land contains the pitching veins the same as at our old Overland property; but in place of only having one series of veins, it carries all of them aggregating fifty or sixty feet of workable coal; in fact I have estimates of over twice that amount. The land has been held by different parties for the last twenty years, and has never been available except at a very big price, until now, on account of recent orders issued by the government, no new filings will be received, consequently the present filers either have to pay up or sell and get out. As they did not have the money with which to pay up, they were compelled to sell out. There are six quarter sections in this tract, and one extra forty. I

am taking one of these quarter sections. It costs \$5 an acre to the filers who transfer all of their right title and interest to the purchaser for that amount, or \$800 for the section. Then, in addition to that, we have to pay the Government \$20 an acre, making the property cost \$25 an acre, in round numbers. This tract of land should be handled together, and it is the understanding of the filers that after title has been procured we will pool our interests and sell out to some Company who expect to open it and develop it. This land, to a company who intended to develop the property and produce the coal, is easily worth \$100 an acre, or \$100,000 for the thousand acre tract. Do you want to join in on this proposition, taking one or two quarter sections. I thought you might want to take a quarter, and possibly father would take a quarter also.

I enclose you a map of the property, together with a copy of report which was made out prior to the time I became interested in it. I cannot agree with the party who made this report in many things; but am ready to go on record, in that the property is worth \$100,000 and I have no hesitancy in recommending the property at that price to any Company who would want to go in on this particular deal.

I wish you would arrange to come to Denver and spend a little time here with me. There are so many matters that I would like to take up with you at this time, some of which I am sure would very greatly interest you.

Earl came thru Denver, as you wrote. The children were all gone, but Roy. His friend was with him. They, together with Roy, seemed to have had a good time.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Sincerely your brother,

E.E. Shumway

PS Will send reports and map later if you are interested.

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letter dated 4/11/1907

to Herbert Shumway from E.E. Shumway

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Apr 9th received, and contents noted. I was very glad to hear from you so fully; but am very sorry indeed to learn of your physical condition. I cannot but feel very uneasy over it, as diabetes is something very much to be dreaded in any of its forms. I trust that the Doctor will diagnose this as one of the acute forms, which I understand is not nearly so serious. I wish you would let me hear from you as soon as the Doctor has given you his opinion.

In regard to matters here in Denver: there are several matters that I have in mind; and in fact have been working on them for some time, which require immediate attention. Several of them I am going ahead upon anyway; but would like to submit them to you before our arrangements are fully consummated.

I had a long letter from Mr. Milligan several days ago, which would indicate that he may become interested in something here in the west. If your health will permit, could you and he not arrange to take a trip to Colorado to be here soon as possible, possibly by the first part of the week?

I do not know that I have explained in regard to my movements, which I will do for your information: I want to take Emma and spend the month of May on the Pacific Coast, first going to Los Angeles with the Shriners and then work north, coming home by way of Portland after making a visit to the lumber camp. I want to get home in time to be in the office a few days, and then get to Lyons in time for Decoration Day. As I have a great deal of work to be attended to this month, I trust you will not put off your visit until the latter part of the month, as in cleaning up odds and ends for my vacation I am going to be very busy.

The Baldwin deal up in Gunnison County is well on. We expect in the next week to have that consummated. The taking over of this property, together with a few changes which will have to be made, is going to require a good deal of attention. Then there are other matters too numerous to mention which are going to require attention outside of our regular work in superintending the mines. I feel sure that if you come to Colorado you will become interested. It looks to me as though the opportunity for an attractive investment was never so good as now. We would like to interest you and Mr. Milligan in a number of these propositions. It is going to take more money to handle these different enterprises than any of us, who are directly interested, feel that we would be safe in putting into them. In the telegram which I sent you I suggested that you see Mr. Milligan. I wish you would see him and discuss these matters with him, and also with Mr. Haskell before you come out. If possible I wish you would get Mr. Milligan to come out with you.

Sincerely yours

E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 4/12/1907

to Herbert Shumway from E.E. Shumway

My Dear Brother

Your favor of the 10th received, in which you state the doctors are a little more encouraging in their diagnosis of the case. This is rather encouraging, but still your condition is much to be dreaded, and as I understand it, it means that you will have to continue on diet for a long time to come.

Am glad to learn that you have made up your mind that you will take this trip to Colorado anyway. I hope to see you here at your earliest convenience, but do not want to hurry you away before you feel able to take the trip. If you could be here for over Sunday, it would give us an opportunity for putting in the

day visiting; but I presume now I will not see you until after the first of the week.

As stated, there are a number of matters which should have attention. Several of these I have not had time to investigate fully; but I believe they are worthy of investigation. I wish you would see Mr. Milligan and have a talk with him before you leave.

Sincerely, your brother, E.E. Shumway

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letter dated 4/24/1907

to Herbert Shumway, Wakefield from E.E. Shumway, Denver

My Dear Brother:

Please find enclosed a little pamphlet on Diabetes, which I have read and send to you thinking it would be of interest to you. It impresses me as having a lot of good common sense connected with it. I know of this Boulder Sanitarium, and they are no fakirs, but stand high.

We had our stockholder's meeting yesterday, and the authorization of the increase in capital stock from one million dollars to two million dollars was voted unanimously. The meeting lasted for some time, as we had to go somewhat into detail as to the outlook of the Company, its present condition and the purposes for which we expected to use the money. I presume the Board of Directors will authorize the issuance of \$250,000 of this capital stock at this time. The present stockholders of record are the ones who would be entitled to their pro rata share. As I presume some of the stockholders will not be in position to take much of this, we will probably be able to give some of our stockholders even a little additional amount, if they should want it.

Sincerely yours,

E.E. Shumway

Worry Over Strike Kills E.E. Shumway
Breathing Poisonous Fumes after Vulcan Disaster Helped Hurry Mine
President's Death

E.E. Shumway, 51 years old, president and general manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, died at his home, 2211 South Josephine Street, last night at 11 o'clock after an illness of two weeks.

Shumway became ill shortly after taking charge of rescue work following the Vulcan mine disaster.

The poisonous fumes breathed in the shaft penetrated his entire system, weakened by worry over the strike.

Shumway had been a resident of Colorado for twenty years, coming here from a Nebraska farm.

He founded a small coal company, out of which grew the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company.

He was a trustee of Denver University for ten years, and a prominent Methodist layman. He was a member of the Denver Club, the Traffic club, and on the executive committee of the Y.M.C.A. He was actively interested in Masonic work.

He leaves a widow, two daughters, one son and two stepsons.

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E. E. SHUMWAY DEAD

Poisonous Gases of Wrecked Mine are Fatal

A message was received here last week by J Shumway telling of the critical illness of his son Edmund E. at his home in Denver and for several days his life hung in the balance, death coming on Sunday night. A dispatch to the **Daily Bee** gives the following account of his last illness:

"E. E. Shumway, 51, president and general manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company, died tonight from the effects of poisonous gases inhaled in rescue work which resulted from the explosion in the Vulcan mine at New Castle. Colo., December 17, last. The Vulcan mine is a property of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company and immediately upon news of the explosion in which twenty-seven lives were lost, Mr. Shumway personally took charge of the rescue work. Upon his return to Denver from the mine two weeks ago he was confined to his bed and the slow poisoning of the system continued in spite of the medical aid.

"Mr. Shumway came to Colorado from a Nebraska farm twenty years ago and engaged in a small retail business from which grew the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, one of the three large mining corporations in the west. Worry because of the industrial strife due to the present strike of the United Mine Workers in Colorado was said by Mr. Shumway's physicians to have so undermined his system that he could not throw off the after-damp which he inhaled in the mine.

"A coroner's jury report into the cause of the Vulcan disaster placed the blame for the explosion upon the company, and physicians stated that the publication of this verdict caused their patient to sink rapidly until three days ago, when his life seemingly hung in the balance."

Edmund E. Shumway was born in southern Minnesota on January 27th, 1862, where he resided with the family until they came to Lyons in 1881. Mr. Shumway was in the Minnesota State University at that time but joined his father here the next year and entered the hardware business with L. B. Smith. He disposed of this business the same year and removed to Coleridge where he engaged in the lumber and coal business, remaining there for eight years when he disposed of his interests and located in Denver where he later organized the Rocky Mountain Fuel

company, of which concern he was president at the rime of his death.

Besides his wife he leaves, to mourn his death a son, two daughters, father, four brothers, Herbert, of Wakefield, Lorin and Roy, of this place, and Chas. of Sheridan, Oregon: and two sisters. Mrs. Fremont Everett, of Portland. Oregon and Mrs. Wm. Cass of this city. The sorrowing relatives have the sincere sympathy of friends in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. L.G. Shumway and M.L. Shumway left Tuesday afternoon to be present at the funeral which was held at 10 o'clock this morning.