

Dear Maudie,

Do not worry about the verdict. We will get a new trial. We have a new witness who saw Theo on Webster St April 3 between 4 and 5 o'clock. We will probably get more. Mamma is keeping up well, but worries about you. Dickenson & Dempsey will fight to the bitter end for Theo. We did not have a fair trile[sic – trial]. Our Friends are more numers[sic – numerous] than ever. Be cheerful and brave all will be well in the end. Mama is writing to you.

Pop with Love.

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Theo is well and in good spirits
Sends Love and Kisses

My Dear Maudie

You must not think it strange that Papa does not write to you often. To tell you the truth, I have not felt like writing or even doing anything.

You know that I think of you always. Mama writes often and tells you all the news leaving nothing for me to say. All that I can say now is as what you have already said about Dear Theo he is with the angles[sic – angels] and wares[sic – wears] a bright star in heaven.

Oh if you only know how gentle he bore all his persecutors you would be amazed[.] he was always brave and manly and kind to every one about

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him. He was a favorit[e][.] [A]ll the Prison officials were extremely kind to him and made his burdins[sic – burdens] as light as they could[.] some of them cryed[sic – cried] for him and would if they could let him have his liberty[.] they gave him every thing that he needed[.] they believed him innocent, and he during his very last moments made a most wonderful speech[sic – speech] to the world declaring his innocence convinced them and all right minded people that he was truly innocent. Hundreds who beleaved[sic – believed] the news papers now beleave[sic – believe] Theo's last words, you can see the clippings we send you what the Press think

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of the S F dailies the Examiner was the cause of all our trouble[.] it was they who accused Theo first and kept the case constantly before the public and kept them at a boiling heat and also kept the Governor intimidated[.] he is a moral coward and a political scoundrel and all our friends say so.

Thair[sic – There] is one thing I can say if it had not been for Mama they would have taken Theo two years ago and that is sure for she has worked night and day and Oh so hard I cannot begin to tell you all she has done to try to save our dear[.]

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Mama interviewed all of the best attorneys in S F and got pointers from them and spurred our attorneys along and made them fight every inch of ground as we went[.] do you know what the Press of the Country calls your Mama, Well I will tell you, She is the Mother of the Century as the Spartan mother who never faltered not even at the last and is still brave[.] She is honerd[sic – honored] by every body. Mama has received hundreds of letters commending her for the noble fight she has made both publicly and private, You don't know what a Mother you have

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every body is proud of her, I could not have done one half if I tried ever so much, though I did my best[.] Mama had some of the best men in the state see the Governer[sic – Governor] and they worked hard with him but it was no use, You may ask why well I will tell you[.] Bud wants to be U.S. Senetor[sic – Senator] and he thinks by standing in with the rabble he will be sent to the Senet[sic – Senate][.] that is his ambition also the ambition of the Examiner to help to send him their[sic – there] he would also save a man if he thought he could gain anything by it[.]

Dear Maudie I cannot begin to tell you how good

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Theo was and of the many good words he has written during these three years. He has astonished his friends by his writings to the Press which were published from time to time. Every body says that he was exceptionally smart, And a braver and truer man never died in this country[.] he was a perfect marvel to every body, The Examiner wanted him to make a confession of guilt and implicate Gibson and offered him three thousand dollars to do so[;] also offered me the same to have him do so[.] what do you think of that for dirty work[?]

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all they want is a sensation to make a few nickels. If they could get Theo to do that then they could arrest Gibson and have an other[sic] sensation to go on. While we would like to see Gibson arrested[,] we want to have some tangible evidence to go on[,] and while Theo did not know any thing about the crimes[,] he was not going to accuse any one with his last breth[sic – breath] for the sake of money[,] he scorned thair[sic – their] dirty money, all at present[.]

from your Loving

Pop

postscript

Don't excuse pencil see

PS

You must thank all our friends for us for their kind consideration of us

Now Maudie have you lost your hart[sic – heart] away off in that far off land[,] if so[,] you must wait until Mama comes to you, I see you like him you give a good account of him[,] is his Parents well to do[?] you must look out for that as well as other things[,] remember me kindly to him and thank him for me for the care he is taking you[.]

Pop