Silver City July 9th 1863

Friend Fink

There is an old lady who left here yesterday on her way to the state of Illinois. She is about seventy two years old and quite feeble has been living in Oregon with some of her children who are now dead. The only living child she has out of eleven that have been born to her is the one she is now going to spend her remaining days with in Illinois. She was entirely destitute when she came here and myself and some others have raised money enough to send her home. I have given her a letter to A. M. Coleman requesting him to take care of her one night and send her up to Mrs Wiley the next morning. now I want you upon receipt of this to call on Coleman & have her taken up to Mrs Wiley and

attended to seeing her shipped on the steamer in the best way. She is intending to take a second cabin passage but if those steam ship company knew my soul. I think they would let her in to the first cabin at second cabin rates. Mrs Wiley I am afraid will think I am taking a great many liberties but when she sees the old lady she will I think forgive me and I will make it all right when I see her. The chickens are doing first rate. One of them had a fight the other day with a rooster was a year old and whipped him. Remember me to the old lady. we all call her Grandmother Yours Truly

A. D. Sheldon.