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Dear Robinson:

Yours of the 19th. inst. would have been acknowledged at an earlier date but for my absence.

Yes, you correctly estimated my former regard for you, and I was loath to believe the reports so current about your conduct in the West. My informant was Sheriff Tegner of Clay Co. not Swain Co. And when asked if you were not drinking he said, "No he does not drink".

I would not do you or any one