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funeral ceremonies.

The day before he went  
 - under advice to Miadero -  
 he took a short drive with  
 me - as I was going to  
 Montecito and my last  
 memory of him as I saw  
 him out of doors was his  
 standing near the beach  
 looking at the great ocean.

I then saw him only once  
 in the Sanitarium

I felt sure that you  
 would be glad to know  
 these details of the last  
 days of our friend -

I was very glad when

Santa Barbara Calif

May 16 - 1913.

"The Oregon"

My Dear Mr. Llewellyn.

Our good friend Francis  
 Brown was taken from us  
 last Sunday morning while  
 at Miadero Sanitarium - to  
 which place he had gone  
 from "The Oregon" - in the hope  
 of being benefited by the  
 good care of a Sanitarium -  
 but neither he nor his friends  
 realized his serious condition



The cause of his death was  
 - The physician told me - an  
 incurable brain liver trouble;  
 and had he lived it - would  
 only have meant years  
 of suffering; so, ~~then~~ ~~thought~~  
 now I can only feel thankful  
 that he has been spared this  
 pain; and thankful for  
 the privilege of his friendship  
 and companionship - and  
 that the world now has  
 the benefit of an unending  
 influence of a useful life  
 well spent. We owe each.

other often at "The Gregson"  
 (a boarding house) - and he often  
 often seemed discouraged  
 in being unable to work as  
 he wished on his life of Lincoln,  
 which fortunately he completed  
 just before going to Miraflores  
 and received satisfaction and  
 knowledge from his publisher  
 of receipt of the manuscript  
 He was brave in his  
 last fight. Fortunately his  
 daughter, and his son from  
 Pasadena were with him  
 at the last - and he was  
 taken to Pasadena for the



in a "temporary" movement  
 that has closed all saloons  
 and bars, leaving dining room  
 (Hotel) privileges - and wholesale  
 houses. This afternoon  
 I am going to "work" on my  
 big acre and a half ranch -  
 It will be good for <sup>the</sup> digestion  
 With Very Best Wishes,  
 Sincerely Your Friend  
 Oscar R. Coast

Word will reach me here or be  
 forwarded later to Pasadena & San Diego

your kind reply to my  
 letter - but soon it gave  
 me no hope of seeing  
 you here or in Pasadena.  
 I am going <sup>next week</sup> to Pasadena  
 all our way eastward - (to  
 Los Angeles <sup>low</sup> & then New York via  
 Denver) ~~next week~~ - and  
 if the time is still in  
 Hollywood I shall see her;  
 and if not there I may  
 stop for at Denver - and  
 if weather is not too hot  
 and then I could get a  
 desert sketch. Unfortunately



I did not recover from the  
 grip. attracts so as to be able  
 to work as I anticipated them  
 winter but hope for better  
 luck in the future.

I want to thank you for  
 and congratulate the  
 many who have been  
 waiting anxiously for your  
 last book that when  
 come to them and is giving  
 so much delight - as I  
 hear of it on all sides in  
 words of praise.

By the way - thinking that  
 you would be in Hollywood.

I left with Mrs. Furr the  
 copy of "Stickum" in which you  
 kindly wrote for me but failed  
 to sign your name. - which  
 of course I want; so I shall  
 look forward to having your  
 autograph in it some day.  
 May ask her to send it to you

The days here are now  
 delightful and I am very  
 reluctant to leave California -  
 but want to have two days in  
 Pasadena, and then spend  
 as much time as I can with  
 my invalid brother in Los Angeles  
 This town has just had a "revolution"