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 JAMES H. HOLMES, MANAGING DIRECTOR

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 ANS'D BY San Diego, Cal. 16th Mch '11

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Dear Mr. Dawson;

Your wire from Louisville (15th) rec'd. I got Allen to relinquish his idea of getting J.W. Thompson from Seattle & he wired for Hoover to come at once to handle the men in getting ground ready for border pty N. end Balboa Plk. Cummings has privately (to Blossom) acknowledged his failure in handling men and will no doubt be glad to be confined to masonry and actual pty work. Even there he will need close watching to keep expenses down by efficient management. It seems strange we should not have been warned of his incapacity to plan out work & boss men. He seems to be no judge of men. Frank Sessions has applied for work and Allen is favorably impressed and will probably employ him as supt. of landscape work on trial. Donald certainly cannot be spared from the penitentiary for even a day. I think Blossom has one or two more pretty good planters in mind & will get Allen to employ them temporarily at any rate during

the platy of the N. border plantation. Our plow  
was going yesterday & the day before but the  
ground has been too soft. Blossom went  
in ground this am. with Cumming and  
got him to promise to pitch in now with  
more plows. I told him he would have  
to get the big cobbles piled so otherwise  
they would interfere with cultivating. We  
are pushing Allen astr water pipes, &c.  
I told Blossom an elec. welded mesh  
fence was necessary along outer edge  
of border plantation - that is along S. side  
of proposed N. pas St. to protect our platy  
from short cut driving which occurs in  
several places where it shouldn't. I  
like the way Blossom takes hold and he  
is depressed by a bad cold too! We  
have had insufficient staking done be-  
cause Allen wanted to get the new map  
of Ex'p'n grounds done -

I may leave Sunday or Monday  
for a job at Sacramento & for a meeting  
at Olympia on 27th & can do what  
consulting is needed at Seattle (Pko) at  
about that time. Allen says I must be  
here when Goodline is and he is going to  
try to get him here about Apr 15th but  
will wire me; so I must return here.  
Then they may want me back again  
at Seattle for the City planning.

Yours very truly

J. C. Blunt