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San Francisco,
July 1st 1887.

My dear Mrs Bidwell

We thank you
for your kind invitation to Chico. It came
while I was away from home & therefore
too late to be available. But anyhow
we could not have all left the old
ranch at the same time. No visit
however could give me greater pleasure.

I was so fortunate as to see
the General the other day in full
flesh & stature not diminished in
the least & still full of melonography
& eriozonae.

The white cone of Shasta looms
into the sky whenever I think of
Chico. How many pleasant memories
cluster about it.

I am trying to clear away the ranch

Cares from my mind to write up
some of my old notes for publication
& I may have to visit Shasta again
then I shall hope to see you. I
could run up for a short visit
any time but dread the hot weather
of the Sacramento. Little Wanda has
never been further from home than
Martinez, but she often tells me that
when she is 12 yrs old she wants to go
with me to the white-hig mountains & the
waterfalls. Helen is only 16 months old
& is very bright & interesting.
I often see Dr Parry & through him
hear of you -

With happy memories
& best wishes I am
Ever very truly Your friend
John Muir