

with the gall bladder, & as she is 75 years of age, it means we cannot brood her with us much longer. So I hope you all go and see her, when you go west, - as it always pleases her immensely.

As regards the suggestion I made to lay before Bratley I will stake my reputation that something is developing there which is of paramount importance to Transportation Co. I have never let any one down, in a case of this sort, and am sure of my grounds.

After the job was over I would expect to be returned here, if I so wished, - and as regards expenses I should think a flat rate would be preferable.

There is no news here. The weather has been abominable, and