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for three or four days
steadily. Yesterday it
being Washington's birthday the
Officers here thought they must
celebrate it with honor - they
called upon every one in town
that they wanted to attend and
raised about one thousand dollars
got evergreens and all the flags
in the place, and the ladies met
with the Committee yesterday
forenoon and decorated the
hall very finely and last evening
we had the finest party that
has ever been in Brownsville. I
enjoyed it hugely but feel very
tired and cross this evening, am
going to bed very soon, and hope
in the morning I shall feel better.
Warren is playing Dominoes in
the next room with Major Peace
and party. I do not know when
he will get time to write that letter
to you that he has been promising so
long - Must close. Good Night
Ever your Daughter's Aca

Brownsville Feb 20th 1858
Tuesday 8 P. M.

Dear Father and Mother.

Having nothing to do
to night, and as we are expecting
a steamer in every day, thought
I might as well write a few
lines, not that I ever expect to hear
from home again, but thought
perhaps you would like to hear
from me.

I have just returned
from the pleasant horse back
ride we had yet. it is a
very pleasant evening. we went
out about four miles and cut
all around the country, went
in all about ten miles had
a splendid time, came home
and had some "Claret" and

and now feel first
rate. We are getting to be real
old tofers here. Brandy wine
Gin and Whiskey flow a great
deal faster than water.

Warren sits here bothering me,
says to tell Mother to remember
him kindly to the next cream
pus she makes, that he is
good for just eight—

And to also ask Pa if
he has seen anything of the
Bragos stage up there, for it
has been missing since morning
or rather the morning stage that
left here at nine o'clock has not
been seen at Whites Rancho and
is supposed to have been stopped
on the road by the Saucillans.

We had our first party last
night of our new (New) has
stopped to take a drink.)

Judging by the number of
glasses of Claret Punch Dew
is Consuming I guess you will
have to wait until tomorrow
for the remainder of this
document, 20 barrels

I have just been having some
wine of Warren has informed you
and will now try and finish
about the parties. We had a
very pleasant gathering just
enough to make it pleasant
I believe they are going to try and
keep them up so as to have
about two every month regularly.
Feb 23rd Friday 9:30 P.M.

for some reason I did not
finish this letter the other evening
but don't think that it was
on account of the "Punch" I took.
We have had a very disagreeable
week so far, has been raining