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Dear Harry:

Thanks so much for your letter and the newspaper clippings.

You certainly "hit the nail on the head" concerning chess players. It is just the same everywhere; San Francisco, Honolulu and Timbuctoo!

I would be more than happy to give an exhibition once again in San Jose. I do want to tell you, Harry, that last year I contacted the secretary of the San Jose Chess Club, who confirmed an exhibition and for reasons unknown to me, called it off for a later date; however, up to this writing the subject was never brought up again. Personally, I did not know how to proceed further due to these circumstances, but I assure you, Harry, I certainly would enjoy tussling with the fellows over-the-board. Incidentally, Harry, the club secretary then was Stan McCarty, who is a very nice fellow.

Regarding the James Lick High School club and the Gardner School, I want you to know that if I do give an exhibition in San Jose, I would be very happy to give a lecture and a small special demonstration, free of charge, in the afternoon of that same day. If, however, you are not able to arrange an exhibition with the San Jose Chess Club, I am willing to come to San Jose and give any of the two schools a talk, etc., at no cost. Just submit afternoon dates and I will confirm them. In that event, we could spend the ~~evening~~ evening with our very good friend Harry Shaw and family.

Thanks and more thanks for your interest in my behalf, but once again, let me reiterate, watch your health and do not undertake to do anything that will tire you.

Leah joins me in sending our kindest regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

George Koltanowski