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DeLong-Ochoa Letters
Papers, 1874

DESCRIPTION

Three letters written by Sidney DeLong in Tucson to Estevan Ochoa in St. Louis. The letters are all from June 1874 and are concerned with business affairs in Tucson. DeLong describe the lack of "money to borrow" in Tucson, orders for supplies to be shipped back to Tucson and the failure of "the government" to pay their bills. He also describes other news of the day from the Territory.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Sidney Randolph DeLong, Tucson mayor, was born in New York in 1828. He studied civil engineering and in 1849 sailed to San Francisco. He joined Company C, 1st California Infantry in 1861 and rose to quartermaster of the regiment, coming with it and the California column through Tucson. He was mustered out in 1866 and returned to Tucson where he became associated with the Tully and Ochoa mercantile and freighting firm. He was the first mayor of Tucson in 1872 and for 15 years was post trader at Fort Bowie. He held many official positions and was secretary of the Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society from 1905 until his death in 1914.

Estevan Ochoa (1831-1888) was born in Mexico and left for Missouri to establish a freighting business in Mesilla, N.M. In 1863, he formed a partnership with P. R. Tully in Tubac and then moved it to Tucson in 1868. They were the major merchants in Tucson bringing in goods from Kansas City. Ochoa was also a territorial representative from Pima County and third mayor of Tucson.

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