

Grand Mound Washington Territory
March 24th

Friend Cyrus

letter

I have delayed answering you
so long that I scarcely know how to answer this

This is very rainy day and I thought I would spend
the greater part of it in writing as I scarcely know when
I shall get any more time to write I shall leave home
in a few weeks on a surveying trip at Gray's harbor
and shall be gone six or eight months I am in hopes
that I can pick up money enough this summer
to send me to school ~~this~~ a little while ~~long~~

Though I have not fully determined where I shall
go yet I shall visit Forest Grove at any rate

~~There~~ I expect I shall by that time get to be such

A great unkindly call that I shall be ashamed
to go to school any where. Though I expect your school
is not to display what I have ^{learned} but to learn more - if I am
laboring under a mistake in this respect you will
inform me before I visit you. - I expect to spend
rather a lonesome time this summer. Prago Harbor is a
wild place yet it is situated some where on the
coast of the Pacific about 100 miles from this place
which is about 25 miles from no place Inhabited by
wild beasts and Indians which is about all the company
we will have this summer except what few hands we will
have with us. I shall go ~~out~~ under Mr. H. P. Stearns who
is an excellent man he is an elder in the Presbyterian
Church at this place I expect ^{to} get 12 months we will
have 8 towen ships to survey which will make upwar-
ds of 600 miles running to no part of it will be
on the beach of the ocean I'll have chance to see
the old mountains. A man just stop here and tells

that Abyssinia is in a furious uproar about the
Teraisuro River Gold Mines five men have just
arrived from there with 40 lbs of the shining stuff
Once up to the gold diggers were I not a son of
Temperance I would drink their health
who knows but what I will take a start for the
mines yet Perhaps through a different mine than
the gold mines I hope

Good ones Dear friends I must
bid you Farewell I will write as ~~often~~^{often} as I can
and you must do the same I shall write to
Markus if I can find time before I leave but
if I don't this will have to be ~~both~~ but write
to me ^{both} of you. I always shall be glad to
hear from you

To

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From your Friend

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P.S. will direct to Grand Mount.