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Darling Mama

If I had known that today was going to be such a dreary stormy day, I would have made time to have written you at least a few lines ^{yesterday}. I could not resist the temptation to phone down before starting home, and find out - had you were. I am glad I did so, not only for my own sake but that of inquiring friends and especially Pa, for as I came by Geo he came out, so I did not go in. He said Pa was feeling poorly and was worrying about you, and Geo seemed glad that he could tell him you were getting along nicely. Grandma felt much better for a time in the forenoon, and wanted something to eat and complained because they were so long getting it, but before.

they could get it ready she took on
a sudden one of her sinking spells
and they thought she was gone. But
she was just coming out of it as I
passed. I would have gone down to
day had it not been so stormy.
I may send Lufford down with this
towards evening if it slackens up.
so you can get it tomorrow. Also
for Lufford to get Glimm who was at
Rosses. I expected to get him today
as I went to church.

Vernal is here with us. She says she
gets lonesome once in a while at
Faloy. She was with me all day
after I drove up and got her before
starting to town. The boys went to
Rosses after the banquet and spent
the afternoon.

Quite a good many inquired
after you yesterday. I met Mrs
Wistfall after I had phoned

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She was very much pleased to learn you were getting along so well. Said she was going to write to you while you were there.

I took down a gallon of milk, gave 6 eggs and bought 3# coffee. When I took the last, named in to the hall the women were setting the tables. Mrs Marks said to me, "We were just saying we did not know how to get along without Mrs Walker."

Mrs Quick (once Mrs Penland) said "Oh, we will set the tables anyway."

We had a very nice banquet and plenty of food. Had a very good attendance, considering the stormy day. Mr Stewart did not come until about 6 o'clock as train was late and there had been a wash out some where south

and he had to hire a conveyance and drive 30 miles in order to make connection with yesterday's train. We had some good speeches yesterday afternoon, from Long M. Glass of California, who is to speak in other places in this State.

Also Capt. Malone Field Sec. of the Anti-Saloon League, and from Rev. Guy F. Phelps of Billboro - I left Lely and Vernal at home and went in to hear Stewart in the evening. He is a rapid and earnest speaker, and spoke quite 1³/₄ hours his theme being "What should be the attitude of the Government toward the liquor traffic." It punishes the thief but that don't stop theiving. Prohibition does not prohibit. Why not license the thief.

The saloon effects are worse
than that of drinking. We will
not licen^{se} the thief ^{address} why license the
saloon. This gives you an idea of his
The church owes well filled but
not jammed as it should have been.
A larger crowd than I had really
expected, and all listened with
marked attention. Surely some must
have been "almost" if not altogether
persuaded that prohibition is the
right thing, and will fall into line,
sooner or later.

Mrs Stewart is with him. I shook
hands with both of them.

But enough of this

One of Bliffords tonsils is badly
swollen and if gargling will not
help it in a day or two, it may need
to be lanced.

Dear Mary I find it hard to
bear thinking of you alone

down there helpless and dependant^A
upon strangers; than the void we
feel here from your absence.

There would be more than double the
pleasure in phoning down could we
talk with you. It makes me wish
you could have been treated at
the Meadlands hospital. Ketting
says she is an excellent nurse.

Quite a number have asked me
why you were not treated at home.
I tell them you were really under
Dr. Kitchens care and he thought
best for you to go to Salem.

I know the time must be very busy
on your hands, more so than ever in
your life before.

Still you will perhaps find friends
and old ones will find you out
and help to lighten your surroundings.

I am going to write to Mrs
Vanderwort to go and see you

the worst kind of with whom I am
and get their to go. I am sure
we must have 10 friends that we
don't know of being in Salem.
I suppose Mrs Campbell called
today and Ellen will hear from
her tomorrow. If you only had some
one to write for you, ^{I would} ~~it~~ make your
absence the more bearable. I gladly
bear all that comes upon me here, if
I can know you are to be well cared
for and returned to us well cured.
I try to feel that all is for the best - and let
a kind Providence work it out for us. I am
sure much more good will come out of it
than our fears permit us to anticipate.
Mr Warner was in this morning. Contrary
to my fears they had about 20 out to George
Confessed 3 x 4 deg upon Mrs Mrs Faley & I
upon ^{Only more for want to graze} Parsons wife. I now went to Sudville.
This is perhaps enough for this time
Praying earnestly for you, and with our best
love affectionately, Your husband & Lucretia Walker