

precincts of that place so halo=
=wed by all the memories of
of the past

Now Dear Wife I cannot close
this paper without requesting you
in my stead, to bestow upon
each of our dear children the
most sincere feelings of paternal
love - Please accept for your
self the fulness of a grateful
heart, - under all circumstances
throughout life, you must ever
be my abiding hope

I remain yours as ever
W. H. Rees
Adieu a short Adieu
Dear Amanda

Umatilla Co, Oregon June 8th 64

Dear Amanda

It is with feelings
of the most sincere admiration for the
person who bears the above written name
that now impels me once more to
acknowledge my ^{of} repeated testimonial
of her personal worth,

I desire above all things Dear Wife, were
I so circumstanced a personal rene=
=wal of those Coninglings of thought &
the interchange of the thousand mutual
little favors that make up the joys of
domestic felicity

Would to God, Dear Lady, that I
could devise some means by which
we could speedily hasten the return
of the conjugal happiness that marked
our pathway of life in bygone days.

Yre then could I truthfully pro=
=claim, that my joy was full, then
could I descend the hill of lifes jou=
=rney with serenity and happiness -

Poverty, I regret to say, drove me un-
-willingly from the adopted home
of my early Manhood, far away
from you, and our dear Children,
and yet the same destroyer of
human happiness seems to bind me
irresistibly in his iron grasp

As for myself I could bear
in silence and with becoming
fortitude all the ills to which life
is subject, Could I but know that
you and the children were comfor-
-table and happy

I have not enjoyed as good health
during the past year as I did before,
leaving home I am at times very much
afflicted with rheumatism and
pains in my left side and what
contributes to make me more
desponding than I otherwise wo-
-uld be, is discontentment of mind
occasioned by a constant desire
to be with you and the children

This anxiety seems to have taken
such complete possession of my
mind that I find it impossible
to sleep during the night

Now my Dear Woman when you
receive this letter I hope you
will answer it at once, speak
your mind fully and frankly,
and any suggestion or advice
that you may have to give will
be thankfully received and duly
appreciated

As to promises upon paper with-
-out being morally certain of
my ability to perform, I have
none to make save one, and that
is should the God of our Fathers
in His tender mercies once again
permit me to reach the spot of
earth I could call our home
Never, no never, would I choose
to come in quest of fortune or
pleasure beyond the immediate