



Union Falls July 1st/02

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My Beloved

Yours dated 29th

May I mailed 6th of June, was
recd. a few days since, & I need
not say was welcomed with
tokens of affection. I can not
tell you how much I prize all
of your letters. It sometimes
seems as if each one I receive
was better than any previous
one. Perhaps as you are kept
away from home so much
longer than you expected
that you will conclude
that it is better for our mar-
riage to be post-poned. I am

anxious to know what you
think about it. If there were
not so many obstacles in my
way, I should be willing, & happy,
to have it take place, as
soon as you proposed to have
it. - But it seems, now, as if
it could hardly be expedient, un-
less you could remain East
for some time; & I certainly feel
that I have no right to try
to influence you to leave the
field in which Providence has
placed you. We are having
considerable rain lately &
the weather is comfortably cool,
after some very warm days,
are mosquitoes troublesome
in Oregon? We are having
quite a visitation from them
which is far from pleasant.
But I hope their time will not

last much longer. We do not
usually have much trouble with
them for a great while; but
we have had so much rain
this summer, that they make ~~it~~
longer stay. Since commencing
to write, I have recd. your son's
wedding card. The news of his
marriage was not entirely unexpected
as Horace spoke of their being a
prospect of its taking place some-
time. I would like to send them
something for a wedding present
if I knew what would be acceptable.
But it is a "great way" to send
anything. May Heaven's richest bless-
ings attend them, all through their
life journey: & beyond, & above,
may the sweet rest & bright re-
ward of the faithful be theirs.
I must close in order to have
this go by today's mail. May God
bless you. affectionately Margaret