

Home Farm Jan 5th 1899.

Dear B. J.

I will try and answer your nice letter 4 in all since you left I was made very happy this evening by receiving one written this I ~~was~~ ^{was} only three days on the road I expect you will think you are abused because I only write once a week but you know that is what I said before you left. it dont seem hardly right when you are a good about writing but I will try and write long ones to make up for now. I had not been to town since I last wrote until today Ellen and Morgan came out with Halcy yester

day and stayed over night
this morning we all went
into town and spent the
day at mass Lissa is up
Came Friday thinks she
will return home Thursday
and if Ma and Pa are able
they will go home with
her but I fear they will
not be as Ma seems to be
taking a cold and Pa is
just getting over a spell
of Rheumatism. We had a
nice dinner to day had chick
en pie and nut cake I thought
of you very often during
the meal and wished it were
possible for you to be
with us. Well we have been
getting along very nicely
since you left I haven't
as yet had a real lonely

spell since you left.
What troubles me most is
that I cannot sleep well
nights I may get over that
after a while I ^{not} want to say
I'm afraid but somehow I
just lie and think and think
Halcy has accomplished quite
a few little jobs already
he has pruned the orchard
filled the well, dug the
water closet pit and open
ed up the drain from the
kitchen sink to the orch
ard fence, made a rack for
the cattle to eat out of
in the barn lot and several
other little things I hardly
think he will get to do
any plowing we have had
some very heavy rains
since you left have

also had some very
pretty days. There have
several letters come for
you since you left - but
I believe none that are ne-
cessary to send to you was
from Gueby in regard
to being appointed a Notary
one from Supt Rowley
and a den from Brownell
I had a letter from Frank
which I will send you to
read I can see by that that
he will be back in Oregon
as soon as he can get money
enough to come on

I was very much surprised
to hear of Mrs Gueby's being
so cool it just makes me
mad at her to think she would
treat you so cool be sure
and do not trouble her as you

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come home. I have been
thinking a great deal since
I read your last letter in
regard to the Agent's position
I say by all means try for
it and begin at once if
the present Agent is favorably
impressed with you would not
a recommend from him be
of some value to you with
and let me know if you
have any thought of trying
for it and if you do I say
begin at once you have
your very faithful friend
Mitchell I think I would
have no trouble in securing
a position with you as Agent
I have been reading a real
good story since your
left which helps to pass
away the long evenings

I am going into town again
Tuesday morning and remain
over night and come home
with Haley Wednesday morning
Yesterday was Mabs Birth Day
she was weighed and only
weighs 119 pounds I do hope
her cold wont be severe
for I fear she could not stand
a bad spell in her present con-
dition. I am glad you have
not so many of the Indians
is old Wacama still living
give Lillie and Nellie and
all others my kindest regard
Did you speak of my
condition to Mrs Sampson
and could you see any
signs of an increase in
the Jackson or Mann fami-
aly is Stella as handy as
she used to be

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I presume I will start Clifton
to school again in the morning
Lyttons have not yet moved
or at least the family are
not out yet they have been
moving the hay out this
past week Glenn is going
to have Haley Walter make
his coat dont you think
it would be a good plan
to have it done. Papa I dont
suppose you will like this
pencil writing but it is
so much easier for me
to write with a pencil
I think you will have to
over look it. Be sure and
do not leave any of my
letters lying around where
Mrs Otter will come across
them keep them in your
pockets what I have said

in this regarding the Agent
affair would be a dead give
away to us. I am kept
pretty well about like when
you left. Haley went to the
Endeavour Society last night
it was held at Bodines there
were about 30 present meets
at Hunters next time I
have not heard from the
S.S since you left I gave
the copies to Mr Warrens
well Papa I think I have
written quite enough for our
time I don't to tire you out
but some how I believe you
will not leave any of it
unread, how sweet a kiss
would be to night but as
it takes something besides
kisses to live on I guess I will
have to be content without them for
a while

Haley has gone to bed
and it is most nice cold
So I think I will prepare
for bed also will send
the measure for glove in
my next letter I would
like one or two pairs of gloves
but just want them plain
without any flowers or
work on them I think I
will not write again until
next Sunday unless you
tell me that you will
have to have two letters a
week. by the way is there
a daily stage or three times
per week as when we were
there with lots of love
and kisses from the child
and I remain as ever
your loving wife

Mary