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Dear Mama

I got no word from Pineville today. The mail carrier says Mr Cary was gone over to Metotias to cut hay. I have been very busy yesterday and today, getting my papers all in shape to leave. I have one party I wanted to see about a plow, so I guess I'll stay until Friday. Mr Spear offered yesterday morning to let me have a check, but I declined as I expected money tonight. He is at Simnasho and will not return until tomorrow. I will likely get enough from him to settle my bills here and pay expenses home. Leaving Friday, will land me in Portland Sunday. Monday I will need to be in Portland so cant get home before Tuesday. I hope you can stand the disappointment. Every day means about \$4.00 more. To day has been some cooler, yesterday was 105°. Sunday 102° but I know it was the hottest Sunday I ever attended Church. It is quite smoky, but I

noticed a few clouds across the sun's disc just as it was  
about setting. The air seems much cooler tho from the north,  
so I guess we will soon have cooler weather. I am sorry  
& cant hear from you. Presume I will not until I get to  
Portland. I send lots of love and kisses.

Loveingly your husband  
C. H. Walker