

Warm Springs Agency Or July 9 1896

Dear Mama

Yours of last Sunday came this afternoon. I am thankful the work there is getting along so well. I am not doing as well as I would like but still hope by the time my answers are made to cover at least \$500 - I can see \$325.00 now in sight - as I believe. \$175 more will make the \$500. I shall prepare my answers after reaching home. I have plenty of time here, but can't well make them until I have all my evidence &c in hand. I have been taking it so easy here (not willingly however), that I will not feel much like working when I get home, tho I presume the weather will likely be much cooler than it is now. I don't remember ever seeing so many continuously hot days in this place. Yesterday was 102° today 104°. Both days some thunder clouds roll up in the south but do not bring a thunder shower. Major is dangerously sick. His oldest son at Pocatello was telegraphed to, or rather will be tonight when the mail reaches the Dalles. I have waited upon him some, and will call in again this evening. Mr & Mrs Speer &

Clyde came down yesterday. The ferry boat got away late yesterday  
afternoon. The hired girl at Ed Campbells was crossing a  
man with a 4 horse team coming this way. One of the posts  
broke and the boat went down and lodged on the bar that  
runs out from the lower end of the island below our house.  
Mr Campbell was down in the lower field hauling hay,  
and Lemuel Lemo rode down on this side and called him.  
He came up post-haste and took the skiff down and brought  
off the girl and man and a little girl of his. The horses were  
turned loose and swam ashore, soon after which the boat sunk  
it is said. They will have a harder time getting it back than I  
did mine from the upper end of this same island, for the boat is  
larger and the current much swifter. I may go down to  
morrow. If it wasnt such a warm hard climb I would go up  
on the rim rock tomorrow night and see the red light that is to  
be burned on Crater rock, Mt Hood. I hope it will come handy  
to pay Brownell the \$5.00 due on cherries. I told him when I left  
I would pay him out of this trip. I am surprised about Nancy tho  
I thought before I left home she was showing signs of coloring. If I have  
time I will call upon the Immigration Board. Will also call  
at Sampsons, as I will be in The Dalles all the forenoon. The  
train leaves about 2.30. I will write again Saturday, and will  
then know quite certainly whether to go Wednesday or not.  
I enclose a letter from Mr. Allen. Will answer heris in a day or two.  
I wrote to Lester soon after coming but have no answer as  
yet. Told him I had his books, but left them in The Dalles  
and asked what I should do with them. I wish I could kiss baby  
vernal just now, and her mother too. Am glad Pa thinks so much  
of her. It will help him to forget his sorrows. Will good by.  
with much love Affectionately your husband C. H. Walker