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Dear Lib -

Some even wanted to kill him

About the "traveling nursery" see enclosed
clippings - there were 2 wagons. The boxes
were made the right size to fit into the wagon beds.
When starting on the journey the grafted trees
were little short stubs without leaves, but like
Mr Finny's turnip "they grew and they grew
as long as they were able". When they arrived in
Oregon they ^{were} several feet tall. Mr Himes - the
historian - says that not even one tree died en-
route. Mother said that some of the tempery ^{men}
of the party threatened to give Levelling a beating
for watering the trees so lavishly when water
was scarce. A few times they had to "make
dry camps" having only the water they carried
in barrels which was scarcely enough for man
and beast. Mauna said that in the desert country
the only thing to be seen that was green was these trees.
Looking down the long line of wagons she always
knew where the Levellings were for there were those
2 green spots - the 2 wagon loads of trees.

I shall try to find out what Tabilla meant by
being robbed. There is an Applegate book I hope to
read. Hadn't he already settled in the southern part
of Oregon and wanted other settlers to come there?
I think our people lost the road (there really wasn't
any road) and went too far south.

I have seen the stovepipe hat picture before - Think Uncle Andrew had one which was probably burned with their house. Papa didn't have one. After interviewing Ernie the Oregonian writer called me up to find out if anyone had a better picture of Tabitha and he wanted a picture of Uncle John Brown too. I referred him to Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Carter - sisters of Mrs. Bush - I suppose he got the Orus and Pheme pictures through them.

Lois Bain has said that she will paint a picture of Tabitha to present to Pacific U. if some of the rest of the folks will help pay for the material.

Since the publication of the Grandma Brown story different people have been calling up to ask about things. Fred Lockly called here - see Journal clippings - same day your letter came asking about the "robbing" etc a letter came from some one interested in Oregon history wanting me to send copies of pioneer songs - such as "Oh! Susanna." Maybe from now on they will think I am "Old Hundred". Well I am not.

First time I go to town shall try to get for you those Oregonian copies. With love

Grandpa Brown died near Forest Grove. not Salem
Mary Lewis.