

With love to you and Vernal, and lots of kisses  
Papa  
Some folks are building their nest in woodcock by mistake.

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Dear Mamma

Was glad to get your letter this morning. Am thankful there is a prospect for your recovery. By my not getting a letter this morning I take it that you have concluded to stay a few days longer. A letter from E. Miller this morning says the concert will be at Stayton the 13<sup>th</sup> as at first intended. Better stay to it unless you think you will feel well enough to go to Morning Star Sat night. The boys want to go, and I too. It would wish things to meet you at depot - get home and go down. Besides I don't wish to leave you and Vernal at home. I'd rather not go than do so, though perhaps the teacher might stay with you. I let the boys take Johnny and the buggy and go Sat morning up to Simons. Started 5:30 and got back 8 P.M. Got 2 trout with Mr S's help. Some one had been seining them out - blind so they were ~~not~~ very scarce. Boys got some Soda water. I got a buggy from Lasselles and Mage took me to Council at Harmony. Had a good time out - considering the busy season. Judge Borse and State Master Leedy were there. Had a good time. So many asked after you

While it is very pleasant to learn we have so many friends. I dread going any where on account of being asked so often about you, I could take it much more willingly could I say you were getting along splendidly. I hope we can soon say so.

I went to Cong Church in forenoon yesterday and boys went to Morgans. I came home that way and we all ate dinner there, a good plain meal we enjoyed. I had no bread at home or I would not have made the inflection on Ellen. I read your letter to her. Vernal cant have the St-Vitus dance very bad. You told me Dr said she was nervous probably caused by worms and that is quin as one cause for them, and too much study withal. I have to take the cream in this P.M. so will mail this. The Eugene Knux Co are to be met Sat noon at Millers, probably by Strattons. They are to be entertained in that neighborhood over Sunday. I saw some of the M S members Sat. Strattons in particular.

The Council quietly passed my resolution favoring Local Option and the Direct-Primary Bills.

Next Sunday three Anti-Saloon speakers will be in Albany to give talks in the Churches. We are arranging for an excursion to Jordan Valley for next Council with fare about 60¢ round trip. No chicks have hatched. Will break hens up from setting



2.30 PM Am just starting  
Sanford has just told me that  
Mr Warrens mind has quite  
failed him and at Mrs W's  
request Jerome telegraphed  
this morning for the children  
to come out and get him.  
Mr W was in to see me yesterday  
morning. Wanted to see the tract.  
Said but little. Afterwards  
talked real crazy over -  
Lasselles.

Doe has just gone over there  
I heard the old lady tell him  
something I did not understand  
what. Its too bad but not -  
unexpected.

Bye bye

Papa