

Belcherston

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My Dear Uncle

I am at a loss to know where to address you or where to suppose you are as I have heard not a word from you or as to your movements from anywhere else. Since you left East Hampton

I suppose it must be however if you enquire on your plans that you will reach Frost Lane

before this will. I shall  
hope to hear from you soon  
as to the various periods of  
interest in your homeward  
journey.

I hasten to write in  
order to speak of buying  
land in Eastern Oregon

When you go out that way  
will you bear one in mind  
and see what can be  
done. I am at a loss  
myself somewhat. but if  
I was reasonably sure that  
it would be better than a  
10 percent mortgage in-  
vestment I would buy  
a quarter section or

even  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ . The  
latter 240 acres would  
be as much as I should feel  
as though I could manage  
to pay. I may at any  
time go to keeping house  
and I do that would take  
a good deal of a sum to  
furnish a house even simply.  
The land of course if you  
bought for would locate as  
favorable as in best judg-  
ment of the projects would  
allow. If Horace should go  
out he would write what  
I should buy. and take up his  
homestead if possible in the

same neighborhood. And  
if you were going out there  
or if you would send your  
it would be desirable of  
course that it be all  
be in as compact a body  
as possible. I believe Mr.  
Abe wanted you to  
ascertain if he could take  
off a Homestead on the Gov<sup>ts</sup>  
lands within the railroad  
limits taking half the num-  
ber of acres.

Of course the nearer a  
town one could be the better  
for religious and educational  
as well as social privileges  
I do have some suggestions

about Horace going,  
with his family, where he  
would be beyond the practi-  
cable reach of a physician  
I hardly need to suggest these  
things as you would know  
better than I do. what would  
make a location desirable

I do like to know what  
time the railroad Co would  
give for payment. and  
what rate of interest they  
would allow. I could not  
go in anyway that I see to  
be best or feasible for  
the what now. I do rather  
be several years about it.  
I do think that the inter-  
ter 2 sections of railroad

lands would not be enough  
better than the tier contiguous  
of lands outside E. railroad  
limits to warrant paying  
double the price for them

I could find on 60  
or 70 dollars for the first  
payment as soon as I  
should know that you would  
want it. I ought to pay  
you something toward your  
expenses in locating and  
surveying. But I do any  
thing for me and that  
I expect to pay my proportion  
Will you let me hear  
at once what your plans  
are in this matter

This will be your authority  
him in case you should  
find it necessary to de-  
cide upon anything before  
you could hear again in  
reply to anything for yourself  
I have but little to write  
from Abrace since  
we all talked it over  
together. I guess ~~240~~ <sup>only 160</sup>  
acres might be taken if you  
have to decide before you  
hear again

My love to all your family  
we are well except the  
colds - P. P. Lyman