

Friday Evening Jan 31 1896

Dear Papa

Yours of the 28-  
Came to hand this afternoon  
I was indeed expecting it  
and shall expect a letter  
from you every mail day  
from this time on so  
dont disappoint me.  
I thought I would write  
some this evening as every  
thing is quiet the children  
in bed and the hired man  
also retired for the night  
I am expecting Ellen out  
tomorrow afternoon to  
stay until Sunday afternoon  
so I will likely not get much  
chance or time for writing  
them, I wrote you such  
a long letter Thursday that  
there is really nothing of any

importance to write about  
now but I presume between  
this and Monday I will have  
quite a long letter written  
we have had three lovely days  
but tonight it is beginning to  
rain again. Mrs. Leland  
came out early this morning  
and stayed until late this  
afternoon about 2 o'clock  
Aunt Maria Johnson and  
Mrs. Read came out and spent  
the remainder of the afternoon  
Bill Bodine also gave me a  
short call this forenoon  
so you see I have been  
having enough company  
during the day that I have  
not been lonesome. But  
when evening comes and  
all is quiet then is when  
I wish Oh if Papa were only here

Clifford<sup>2</sup> is getting well again  
Malys Father is getting better  
Al was out here this morning  
and wanted his pay for work  
said he was going away and  
wanted some money I told  
him that I could not pay  
him as I did not have the  
money and did not know when  
I could get it he wanted to  
know if Pa could not pay  
him at least a part of it  
I told him I thought not I  
had three dollars which I let  
him have I am not going  
to put myself out any to try  
to settle with him for I pre-  
sume you told him that you  
could not pay him until you  
returned home I dont feel  
under any special obligations  
to him I spoke to Pa about

the interest at the Bank he  
did not say if he would pay  
it or not. They are trying  
now to have some settlement  
about the Bear Patch Bucklet  
is going to bring suit against  
them if they do not settle to  
suit him the man in Salem  
that have an interest in it do  
not want to let it go into  
court they say it will break  
them up. I do not know what  
they will do about it yet.

There was a bid stir in town  
to day over the hanging of  
Montgomery a great many people  
went into town thinking the  
hanging was to take place  
at 10 o'clock but he was hanged  
at 7 this morning he made  
a full confession at the  
last I will send you one of

the papers<sup>3</sup> containing the account  
if I can get hold of one, I presume  
tho you will see it in the  
Oregonian. I was rather dis-  
appointed when I read in your  
letter that you would probably  
not be able to leave here before  
the middle of February, I had  
some how fixed the 10<sup>th</sup> as abo-  
ut the time to look for you  
home. Bill Bodine says they  
miss you very much at S.S.  
and will be glad when you  
get home. I had a letter  
from Myra to day also one  
from my old friend Mrs  
Campton at Nertweca  
It is time for me to be in bed  
I do not retire so early since  
you left partly because I  
cannot sleep very well and I  
think the longer I stay up

at night the letter I will  
sleep after going to bed, one  
kiss and I must go

Saturday Evening 5 o'clock Feb 1  
Dear Husband Ellen could  
not come out as she had  
expected as Pa receive a  
dispatch from Lebanon to  
come at once as they thought  
Uncle Gus would not live  
long Lissa and Dr did not  
come as expected I am  
going into town to night  
will return home tomorrow  
afternoon the young man  
that is with me wanted to  
go in town so I would be  
left alone and rather than  
stay alone I will go along  
There is a big Cantata in  
town to night the Hay Makers  
I wish I could attend it but

hardly think I will, it is now  
almost time to start to town  
George is coming in from  
milking so I must get ready  
I will add a few lines to  
morrow before sending this  
in haste Mary

Sunday Evening half past 8 o'clock  
Dear Papa I am home again  
did intend to send this letter  
off this afternoon but found  
no time to write while at was  
Ellen took sick something  
like Colford has been but not  
so bad I was up with her  
quite a little last night  
and besides was took a  
chill in the night and I  
had quite a time with her  
between the two I did not  
get much rest Ellen seems  
a little better to night

Ma was quite poorly to day  
sent for Dr Wallace to come  
to see her Pa is still in  
Lebanon had a letter from  
him saying that Uncle Sam  
was a little better, I was  
much pleased to get your  
letter to day I would not  
know how to get along now  
without three letters a week I  
just live from one letter day  
to another, I hope I will not  
have to go in town again  
before you get home for I find  
it hurts me to ride in the back  
if Clark should get in as agent  
perhaps he might give you a  
position I presume you and  
he are on good terms I see I  
havent room for more so will bid  
you good bye with lots of love  
and many kisses affectionately Mary