

Forest Grove April 22<sup>nd</sup> 1883

My Beloved Father,

It is just about bed-time and I have only time to write a very few words. Willie received a letter from you yesterday dated Pilot-Rock. We are glad you have arrived safely and everything is so favorable. We are getting along very nicely. Sarah and I are staying alone, but do not feel much lonesome and not at all afraid. We are both feeling well. I have not begun to teach yet, but presume when Dr. Minthorn comes, which will be the last of next week, I shall find out what he wishes me to do.

I hope your work will not be tedious and that you will be home before long. I am in a big hurry to have you back.

Sarah thinks of going Friday if nothing happens. We have been having very unpleasant weather ever since you left, but it seems to have cleared off to night. It will probably freeze everything as it is very cold. I can not write more.

We will enclose a letter from Margaret. I send ever so much love. Take care of yourself and don't work too hard. Your loving daughter,  
Mary.

You left your watch as you no doubt have discovered. I thought of sending it but then did not know but that you took Horv's. We can send it if you wish, and will tell me where to send it.

Dear Pa

I was very glad to hear of your safe arrival. You had quite a time, didn't you? I wonder if you would have had so much trouble missing the boat, if I had been along. Perhaps you needed me to take care of you. I should go along, but hope to get along all right. Elroy will go to S. with me if she can get off one day. It has been very bad weather all the past week, just such weather as it was while you were here, looks as if cleared off today, wind in the north. I have finished one picture & am on another for Mrs H. — expect to get it done before I go. I sold one that I had not sold when

Good Bye  
Your Loving Son  
John

you went away so I think I  
shall have money enough to  
pay my way up. Mr Marsh  
charged only half what I expected  
for my music <sup>profession</sup> & so my money is more than I  
expected. Mr Marsh still persists  
but does not seem to quit;  
He is too affected.

I send you a letter, all that  
has come to you since you went.  
Korace has not written a word  
to me. Did you give him the  
letter? If not it is no matter  
now, of course. I hope you will  
be through there & get back so  
May will not be alone long.  
Minnie W. with her father  
has just bought the Duck  
house & is going to move in  
this week.