

Warm Springs Oregon  
Dec 14 '1888

Dear Mother,

It gives me  
pleasure to inform you  
that we have a 9 pound  
boy, born, at eleven o'clock  
Dec 12"

Mary had a very, very  
hard time, was in labor  
near 12 hours, and finally  
the Dr had to take the  
child away with forceps,  
while she was under the  
influence of chloroform. The  
babe has dark hair and  
has the looks of the Wheeler  
more than the Walter.  
Mary has no milk yet  
yet, so we have to feed it.

Dr Welch the Agency  
Physician, myself, Mrs  
McBude & a Mrs Coshaw  
seamstress at Agency, and  
a friend of ours, were all  
that were here. At 10 o'clock  
Dr Welch thought I had  
better send for Dr Muthon  
who was at Inmasho  
nearly 25 miles away. We  
finally decided it was better  
to have Dr Welch make  
the attempt, alone as  
it would be at least  
10 hours before Dr M  
could get here, and it was  
too cruel to have Mary  
suffer all this time.  
Dr said the child might  
be dead, but the mother  
would be safe. Fortunately  
the child's head was as  
far down as it could get.

and took only a pull  
or two to ~~remove~~ it.  
Its face was bruised  
some on both sides  
but it getting much better  
of them than they were  
yesterday. I feared for a  
time, the little flannel  
shoes would not be worn  
but if all goes well they  
soon will be. Mrs McBude  
is with us today and was  
last night. Mary had the  
neuralgia so bad last night  
she could not sleep much.  
Is resting quite well to  
day. I do most of the  
house work and waiting on  
her. We expected to have  
Mrs Wilson all through the  
confinement, but Rev Mr  
Wilson is so sick she can  
not leave him.

I would love to write you  
a good long letter, but have  
not time to day. Now that  
I will have more to write  
about I will write to you  
often. Will try to write  
quite often even tho' I get  
no answers. For I know I  
ought to write. I cannot think  
your first born is any the  
less dear to you at 50, than  
when he was a light curly  
haired boy. I leave it to you  
to tell Belle; & the girls  
of they baby cousin. Also  
other friends. With our  
love to you & Belle & her pets  
I remain

Affectionately your son  
C. H. Walker